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OUTSIDE
CHALKYITSIK,
ALASKA.
NOW.

FOR
CENTURIES, OUR
TRIBE HAS KEPT
ALIVE THE STORY
OF THE FIRST PEOPLE
TO COME TO THIS
LAND--THE STORY
OF *OUR*
PEOPLE.

IN OUR
BLOOD FLOWS
THE HISTORY OF
THE FIRST REAL
AMERICANS. OUR
CULTURE. OUR
HERITAGE. OUR
*STRUGGLE TO
SURVIVE*.

YEAH.
AND IN *HIS*
BLOOD FLOWS
HALF OF THAT
WHISKEY.

MY MIND
NEEDS LIQUOR
TO REMEMBER ITS
STORIES--NOT
THE BABBLING
OF IDIOTS.

NOW,
SHUT UP
WHILE I PASS
ON OUR
TRADITION.

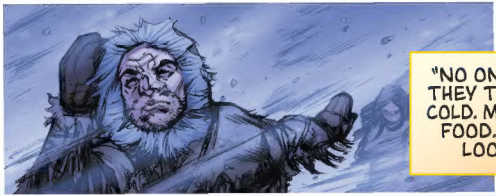
THE FIRST OF
OUR ANCESTORS
CROSSED THE LAND
BRIDGE THAT ONCE
CONNECTED
ALASKA TO
RUSSIA.

THERE THEY LEFT
INUKSHUK, STONE
STRUCTURES TO
CHART THE PATH
WHERE THERE
WERE NO
LANDMARKS.

THEY
LEFT THEM
FOR THOSE
THAT WERE
MEANT TO
FOLLOW...

NOT
THINKING
OF WHAT
MIGHT LIE
AHEAD.

"FEW OF OUR PEOPLE SURVIVED THE LONG JOURNEY TO THIS LAND. THE HARSH WEATHER AND LACK OF FOOD CLAIMED MANY OF THE CHILDREN AND ELDERLY."



"NO ONE KNOWS WHY THEY CAME--WHY THEY TRAVELED SO LONG THROUGH THE COLD. MANY BELIEVE THEY WERE TRACKING FOOD. OTHERS THOUGHT THEM TO BE LOOKING FOR BETTER CLIMATES."



"WHAT IS KNOWN IS THAT WHAT THEY SOUGHT AND WHAT THEY FOUND WERE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS ENTIRELY."



"OUR PEOPLE FIRST THOUGHT THEM TO BE GODS. THEY WALKED LIKE MEN BUT RESEMBLED THE BEINGS THAT INHABITED THE NORTH--THE BEAR, THE WOLF...SPIRITS OF THIS NEW LAND."



"EVEN RAVEN WAS THERE--CREATOR OF ALL, WHO BEAT HIS WINGS AND AWAKENED THE WORLD FROM THE DARKNESS. THE KING OF THESE STRANGE SPIRITS."



"BUT THESE WERE NO GODS. THEY WERE
IJIRAIT--SHAPE SHIFTERS WHO TOOK THE
FORM OF THE CREATURES OF THE NEW
LAND TO CAPTURE WAYWARD TRAVELERS.

"FEW MANAGED TO ESCAPE
THE DEVILS. THOSE THAT DID
FLED DEEP INTO THE SOUTH
WHERE THEY FLOURISHED--
THE SEED OF ALL NATIVE
PEOPLES OF THE NEW WORLD.

"BUT FOR THE MANY THAT DID NOT,
LIFE BECAME HELL ON EARTH AS
THEY WERE BOUND IN SERVITUDE
TO THE DEMON GODS.



"AND SINCE THOSE DAYS,
THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN EVIL
IN THIS LAND. AND I ASSURE
YOU, THERE ALWAYS WILL BE."



BWAAAH
HAAAAH!

DEMONS?



HE SAYS
WE WERE THE
SLAVES OF DEMONS.
AND WHERE DID
THESE *DEMONS*
COME FROM,
OLD MAN?

BESIDES
THAT
BOTTLE, I
MEAN.



MAN CANNOT KNOW
THE BUSINESS OF THOSE
THAT WALK BETWEEN
WORLDS. NOR SHOULD
THEY QUESTION THOSE
WHO ARE OLDER AND
MORE *SOBER* THAN
THEY ARE.



AS FOR THE
DEMONS, THE
CHRISTIANS HAVE
AN INTERESTING
TAKE ON THE
MATTER.

ACCORDING
TO THEIR
STORIES OF
THE BEGINNING
OF THINGS--



THERE
WERE NO
SUCH
THINGS AS
DEMONS--

"UNTIL THE
ANGELS FELL
FROM HEAVEN."

SAN DIEGO. 2009.
THE PAST.

DADDY.
THEY'RE SO
LOUD.

WELL,
THEY HAVE
TO BE. THEY HAVE
BIG ENGINES TO FLY
VERY, VERY FAST SO
THEY CAN FIND THE
BAD GUYS AND
STOP THEM.

WHY?

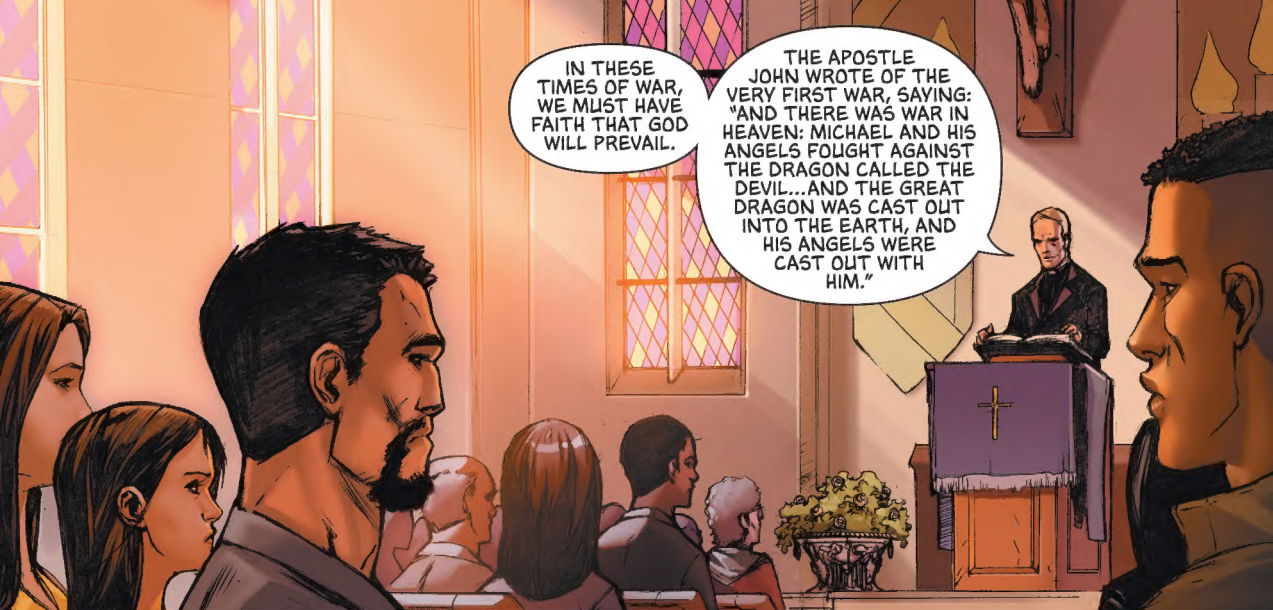
"SOMETIMES THERE ARE PEOPLE IN
THIS WORLD WHO DON'T AGREE ON
THINGS, AND SOMETIMES THOSE
PEOPLE TRY TO HURT OTHERS TO
PROVE THAT THEY'RE RIGHT."

THE PLANES
WATCH OUT FOR
PEOPLE THAT MIGHT
HURT US. THEY'RE
THERE TO KEEP
US SAFE--TO
PROTECT US.

LIKE
ANGELS?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

"JUST LIKE
ANGELS."



IN THESE
TIMES OF WAR,
WE MUST HAVE
FAITH THAT GOD
WILL PREVAIL.

THE APOSTLE
JOHN WROTE OF THE
VERY FIRST WAR, SAYING:
"AND THERE WAS WAR IN
HEAVEN: MICHAEL AND HIS
ANGELS FOUGHT AGAINST
THE DRAGON CALLED THE
DEVIL...AND THE GREAT
DRAGON WAS CAST OUT
INTO THE EARTH, AND
HIS ANGELS WERE
CAST OUT WITH
HIM."



DESPITE THE EVILS IN
THE WORLD, GOD WILL
OVERCOME. AND SO
WE MUST NOT ALLOW
HATRED TOWARD OUR
MISGUIDED BROTHERS
AND SISTERS IN CHINA
TO FILL OUR
HEARTS.

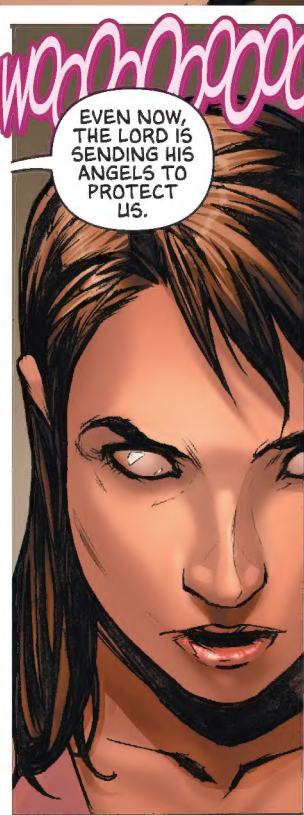
WE ARE
ALL GOD'S
CHILDREN, AND
MUST HAVE FAITH
THAT HE WILL
SOON DELIVER
US FROM--



THOSE ARE
THE AIR RAID
SIRENS. PLEASE
MOVE SLOWLY TO
THE EXIT. THERE'S
PLENTY OF ROOM
FOR US ALL IN
THE RECTORY
BASEMENT.

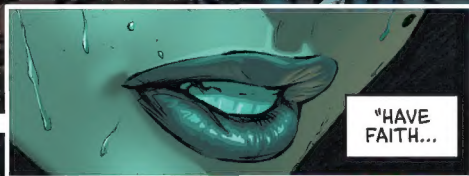


"HAVE FAITH,
MY SISTERS
AND
BROTHERS."



EVEN NOW,
THE LORD IS
SENDING HIS
ANGELS TO
PROTECT
US.

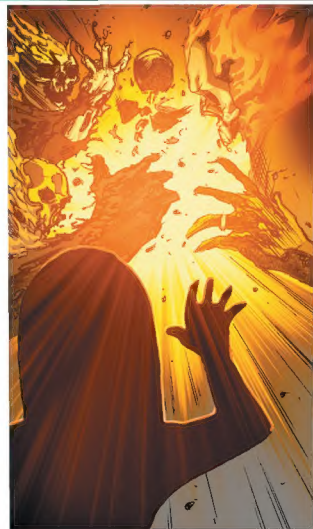




"HAVE
FAITH..."



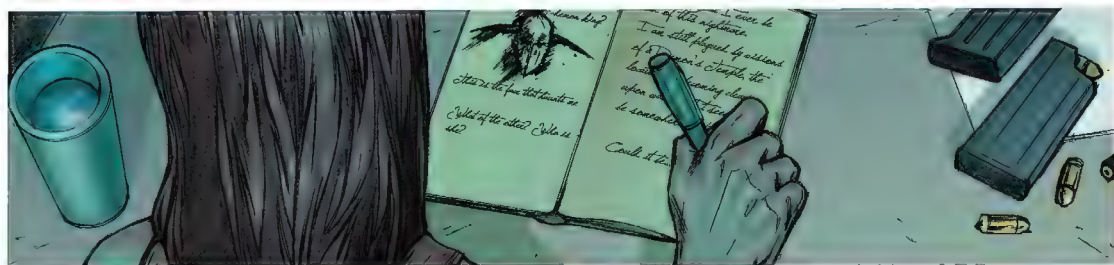
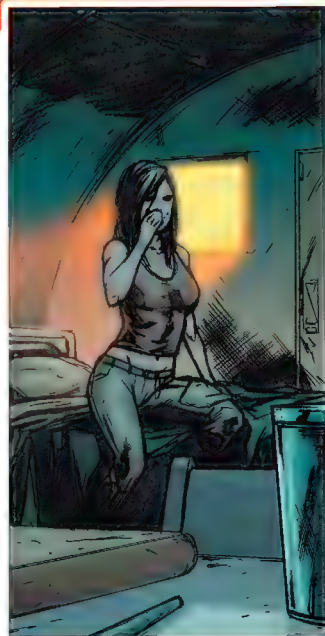
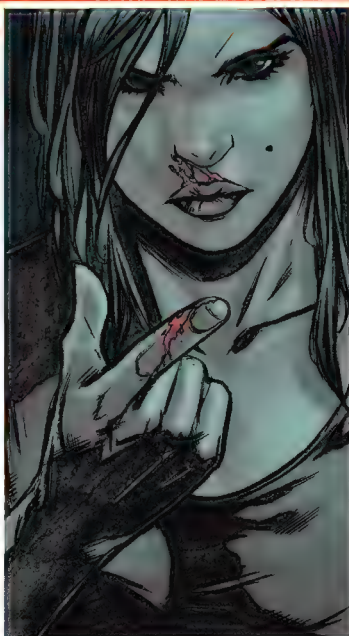
"SENDING HIS
ANGELS..."



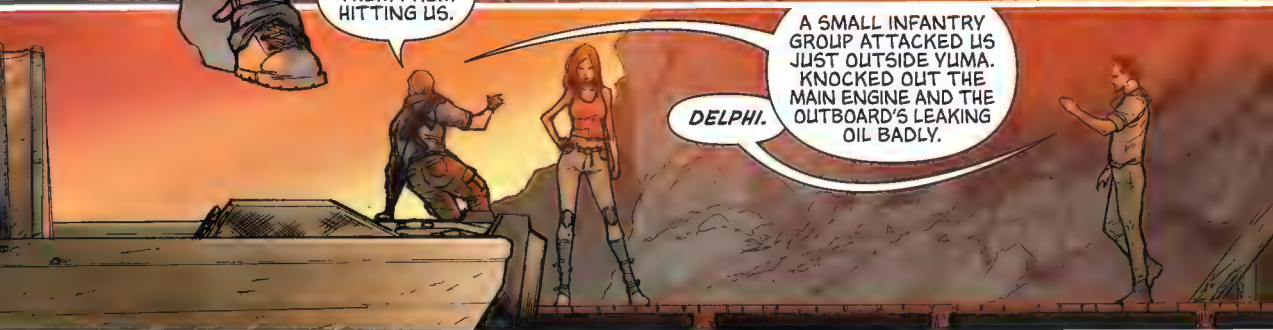
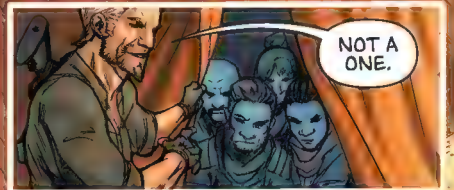
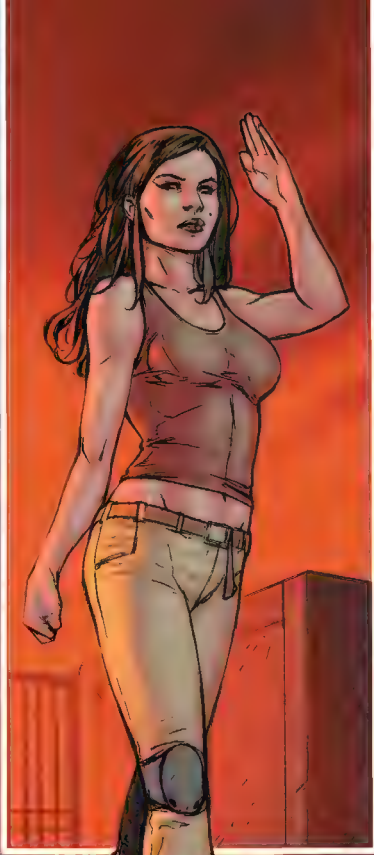
"TO PROTECT
US."



TWENTY MILES EAST OF
PHOENIX, ARIZONA.
TODAY.



*Alaska
The end?*





I'LL
BE IN MY
TENT IF
YOU NEED
ME.

BE
THERE IN
A MINUTE,
PIRATE.



WHAT?

DON'T
THINK FOR A
MINUTE THAT I
FEEL BAD ABOUT
THAT.

WE'RE AT
WAR WITH
THEM, DEL.
PLAIN AND
SIMPLE.



THAT'S RIGHT.
WITH *THEM*,
NOT HIM.

NOW GET
THOSE REFUGEES
FED AND RESTED.
THE CREW FROM
LACKLAND WILL BE
HERE IN THE MORNING
TO TAKE THEM ON TO
SAN ANTONIO.



AND GET
YOURSELF
PACKED,
BECAUSE YOU'LL
BE JOINING
THEM WHEN
THEY DO.



DON'T LISTEN
TO BAKER, HE'S
JUST--

FORGET IT.
IT'S COOL.
JUST...
WHATEVER.

I'VE
FINALLY FOUND
US A RADIO
FEED FROM
SEATTLE.
LISTEN.

...CONFIRMING
CHINESE FORCES
MOVING INTO OLYMPIC
NATIONAL PARK, PUSHING
EAST TO PUGET SOUND.
WASHINGTON HAS DEPLOYED
REINFORCEMENTS TO
SEATTLE FROM EIELSON
AIR FORCE BASE IN
ALASKA...

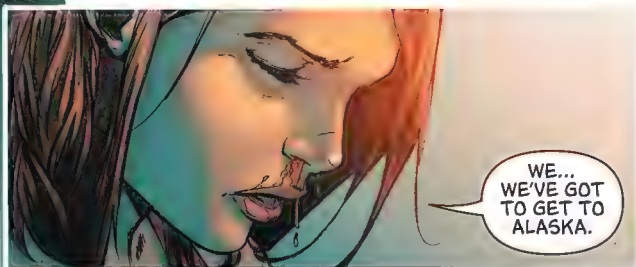


ALASKA.



Uuuhgh!

DELPHI!



WE...
WE'VE GOT
TO GET TO
ALASKA.

TELL EVERYONE TO
START PACKING. WE'RE
HEADING OUT FOR
SEATTLE AS SOON AS
THE REFUGEES ARE
PICKED UP.

SEATTLE?
YOU *JUST* SAID
ALASKA.

DELPHI,
WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT?



THE WESTERN
CHECKPOINT'S GONE
AND WE'VE GOT CHINESE
MOVING THIS WAY. AIDING
THE FRONT IN SEATTLE
SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO
GET EVERYONE'S
BUY-IN TO MOVE
NORTH.

DOES
THIS HAVE TO
DO WITH YOUR
VISIONS? YOU
REALLY SAW
SOMETHING THIS
TIME, DIDN'T
YOU?

IT WAS...
HORRIBLE.

YOU'VE
SEEN
HORRIBLE
THINGS
BEFORE.

NOT LIKE
THIS. THIS WAS
DIFFERENT. MORE
INTENSE. MORE
REAL.



I THINK I SAW
WHERE IT ALL
HAPPENS.

WHERE
WHAT ALL
HAPPENS? DELPHI, WHAT
DID YOU
SEE?

IT
WAS--

"THE END OF
THE WORLD."

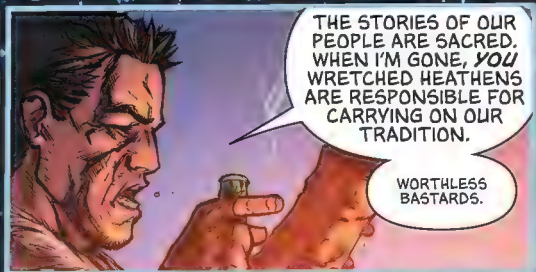
THAT WILL
BE THE END OF
THE WORLD. WHEN
THE DEMONS THAT
ENSLAVED OUR PEOPLE
RETURN TO FINISH WHAT
THEY STARTED THOSE
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS AGO.



HAAAAAAA!

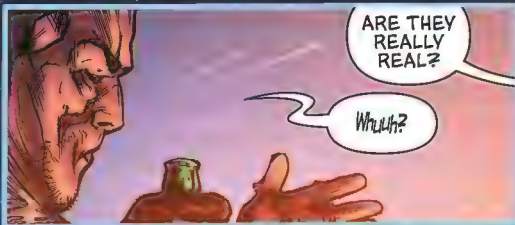
OH, MAN!
WHAT DID I
TELL YA? THAT
SHIT'S BETTER
THAN HBO.

CRAZY
OLD FART'S
FULLA CRAP
LIKE THAT.



THE STORIES OF OUR
PEOPLE ARE SACRED.
WHEN I'M GONE, *YOU*
WRETCHED HEATHENS
ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
CARRYING ON OUR
TRADITION.

WORTHLESS
BASTARDS.



ARE THEY
REALLY
REAL?

WHY?



THE
DEMONS.
ARE THEY
REAL?

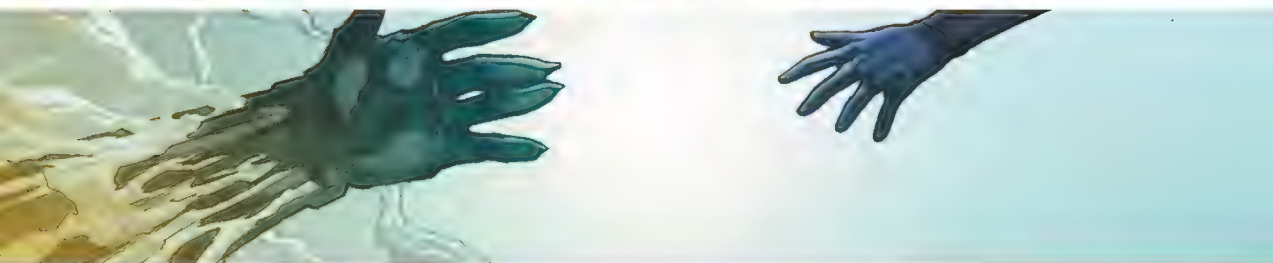
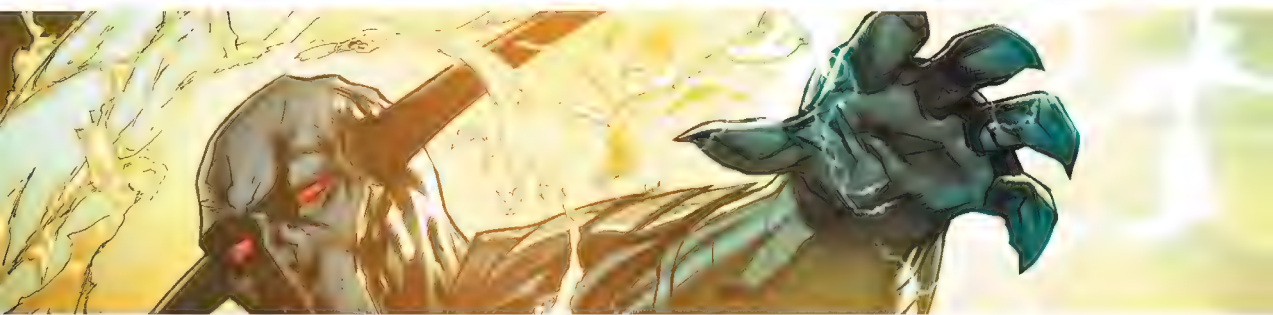
OVER THE
YEARS, MEN HAVE
LOST FAITH IN THINGS
THEY CAN'T SEE. THERE
ARE THINGS IN THIS WORLD
AND BEYOND WE CAN'T
EXPLAIN, BUT I BELIEVE
THERE ARE TRUTHS
TO OUR STORIES.

WHEN DO
YOU THINK
THEY'LL COME
BACK?



THAT'S
HARD TO SAY.
BUT IF THEY *DO*
RETURN--

"IT WON'T BE UNTIL
THEY'RE READY TO
FINISH WHAT THEY
STARTED."



SPACE.
SOMETIME
BETWEEN
THEN AND
NOW.

THE
REST OF THE
SYNDICATE HAVE
RETURNED FROM
THEIR SEARCH.



HOW COULD
WE DO IT,
BARALECH?

HOW COULD WE
JUST...LEAVE
HIM?



WAR DOES
NOT ALWAYS
AFFORD US
CHOICES. IT
OFTEN INFLECTS
ONLY HARSH
FINALITIES.

ARE YOU
SAYING WE'LL
NEVER GO
BACK?

THOSE
ARE NOT MY
DECISIONS TO
MAKE.



EXACTLY. ARCIAH
CHOSE ME TO STAND
AT HIS SIDE, AND I SAY
WE GO BACK FOR
HIM NOW!



IF YOU'LL FORGIVE ME,
ARCIAH CHARGED ME
WITH YOUR PROTECTION,
WHICH MEANS
ATTENDING TO YOUR
IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR
PROVISIONS.

THEY...
THEY'LL KILL
HIM, WON'T
THEY?

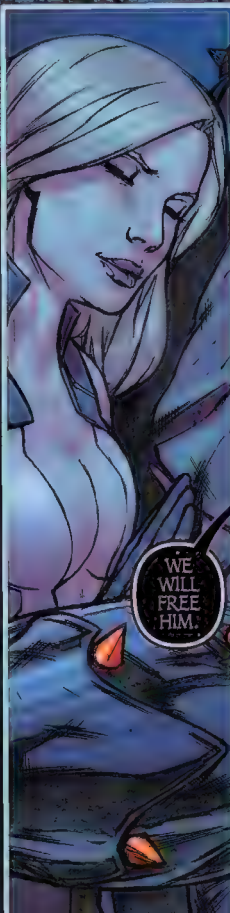


WE LEFT
HIM IN THE
HANDS OF
ANGELS, NOT
DEMONS. THEY
WILL BE
MERCIFUL.

THEY MAY BE,
BUT GOD ISN'T.
I'VE SUFFERED HIS
CONDEMNATION
BEFORE. AND--



AND
ARCIAH FREED YOU
FROM IT.
JUST AS
SOMEDAY--



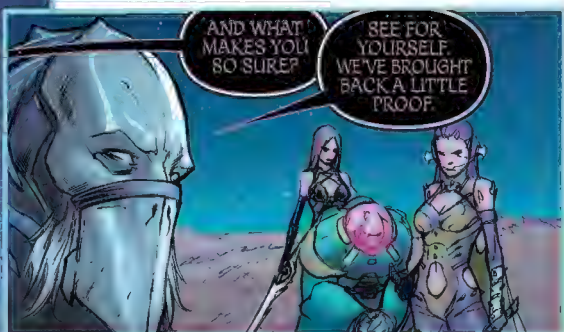
WE
WILL
FREE
HIM.



MY QUEEN,
THE PLANET THIS
MOON ORBITS, IT'S
SO CLOSE TO EARTH.
WE CAN TAKE
REFUGE THERE.
AND--

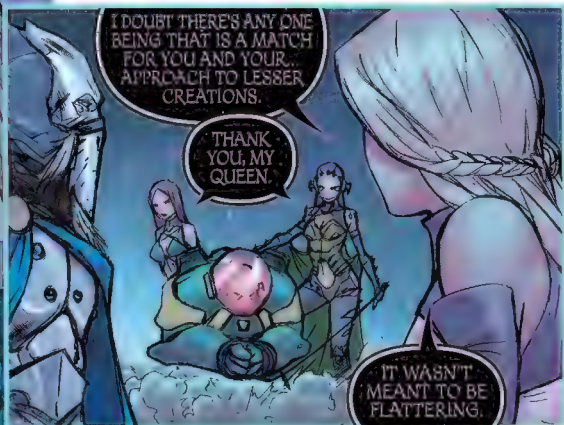
REFUGE? WE
COULD NOT FIND
REFUGE ON EARTH,
AND WE HAVEN'T FOUND
IT IN SPACE IN THE
THOUSANDS OF YEARS
SINCE WE LEFT. WHY
WOULD WE FIND IT
THERE?

UNLIKE THE
CHALLENGES WE
FACED ON EARTH,
HERE THERE ARE
NONE THAT CAN
MATCH US.



AND WHAT
MAKES YOU
SO SURE?

SEE FOR
YOURSELF.
WE'VE BROUGHT
BACK A LITTLE
PROOF.



I DOUBT THERE'S ANY ONE
BEING THAT IS A MATCH
FOR YOU AND YOUR
APPROACH TO LESSER
CREATIONS.

THANK
YOU, MY
QUEEN.

IT WASN'T
MEANT TO BE
FLATTERING.



AND HOW DO THEY
COMPARE TO THE
SAVAGES ON
EARTH?

THEY ARE
MORE ADVANCED...
MORE CIVILIZED
THAN THE HUMANS,
BUT I DON'T EXPECT
THAT TO BE A
PROBLEM.

AND
WHY IS
THAT?



BECAUSE
THEY WON'T
HAVE ANYONE
ELSE TO FIGHT
ON THEIR
SIDE.



THERE'S NO
SIGN OF SPIRITUAL
INTEREST THERE--
FROM ONE SIDE OF
THE VOID OR THE
OTHER.

THEY ARE
EMPTY AND, MOST
IMPORTANTLY...
ALONE.



SO GOD MADE
THESE POOR
SOULS ONLY TO
ABANDON THEM
FOR HIS PRECIOUS
CREATION ON
EARTH.

AN
EXISTENCE
NOT ENTIRELY
UNLIKE OUR
OWN.



WRONG,
SYTH-RASSAR.
SUCH *WAS* OUR
EXISTENCE.

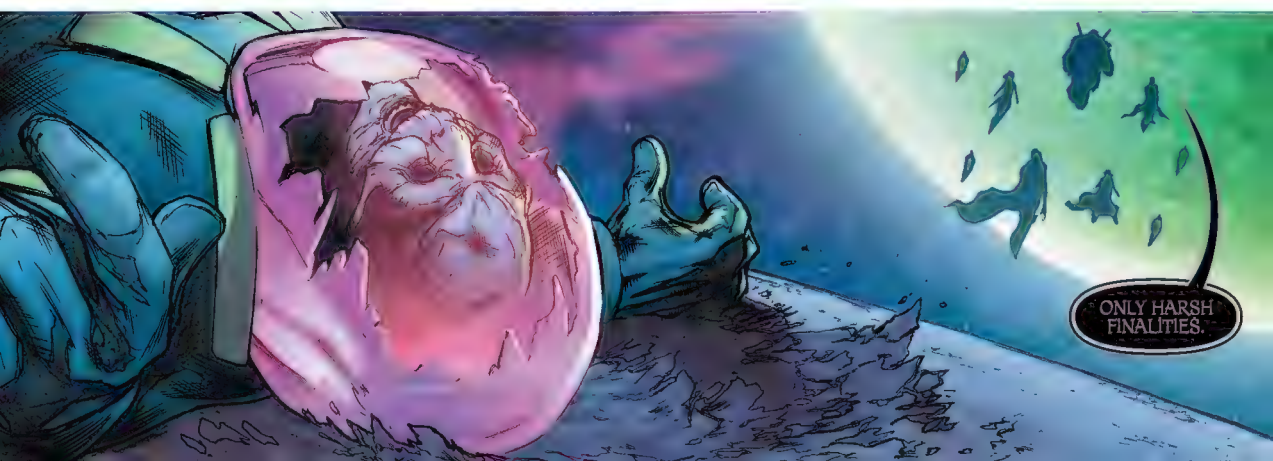
IF WHAT
YOU SAY IS
TRUE, THESE POOR
CREATURES HAVE NO
LEADERSHIP, NOTHING
TO FOLLOW. THEN THEY
HAVE NOTHING
TO FEAR.



PERHAPS IT IS
UP TO US TO
GIVE THAT TO
THEM.

DO YOU
THINK THAT IS
REALLY A WISE
DECISION, MY
QUEEN?

I'M TOLD THAT
WAR DOES NOT
ALWAYS AFFORD
US CHOICES.



ONLY HARSH
FINALITIES.

LATER.
A WORLD
NOT ENTIRELY
UNLIKE OUR
OWN.

"CAN YOU SENSE
IT, MY QUEEN?"

"WE WILL EASILY
SUBJUGATE THESE
PATHETIC CREATURES
AND ONCE AGAIN
ASCEND TO--"

SYTH-
RASSAR?

YES, MY
QUEEN.

FOR CENTURIES WE HAVE
TRUSTED YOU TO LEAD
OUR WAYWARD GROUP
IN THE STEAD OF MY
BELOVED ARCIAH.

YES, MY
QUEEN.

AND IN THAT TIME
YOU HAVE PROVEN
YOUR JUDGMENT TO BE
SOUND AND YOUR
ASSESSMENTS
STRONG.

YES, MY
QUEEN.

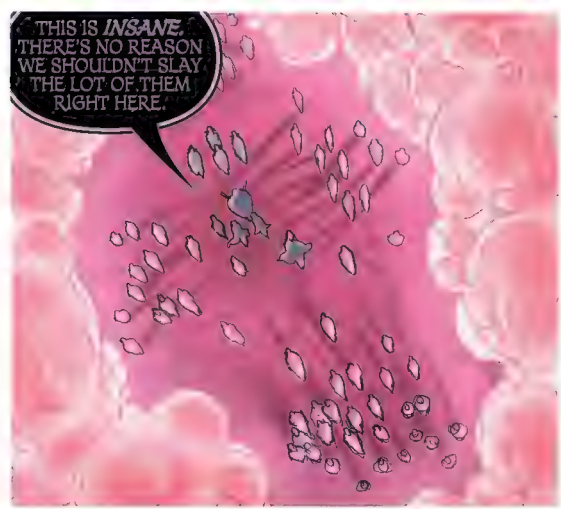
I SENSE
THAT TIME HAS
FINALLY FOUND
IT'S END.

YES, MY
QUEEN.

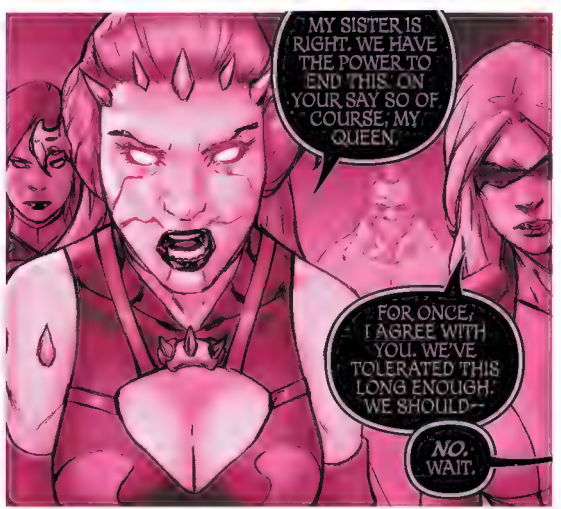


THAT'S IT. SHOW ME...

"SHOW ME WHAT YOU HAVE FOUND."



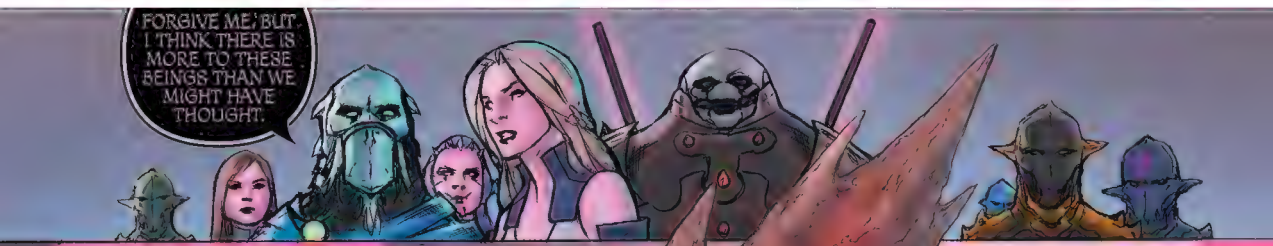
THIS IS *INSANE*. THERE'S NO REASON WE SHOULDN'T SLAY THE LOT OF THEM RIGHT HERE.



MY SISTER IS RIGHT. WE HAVE THE POWER TO END THIS. ON YOUR SAY SO OF COURSE, MY QUEEN.

FOR ONCE, I AGREE WITH YOU. WE'VE TOLERATED THIS LONG ENOUGH. WE SHOULD--

NO. WAIT.



FORGIVE ME, BUT I THINK THERE IS MORE TO THESE BEINGS THAN WE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT.



DESPITE YOUR RECENT SHORTCOMINGS, SYTH-RASSAR--

I WOULD SAY YOU ARE RIGHT.

BRING THEM TO ME.



"AND FINISH WHAT WE
STARTED ALL THOSE
YEARS AGO."

ANOTHER.
TELL ME
ANOTHER
STORY.

S'POSE
THAT'S ALL
I'M GOOD FOR
THESE DAYS,
ISN'T IT?

FOR OUR ANCESTORS,
THE ELDERLY WERE
THE LEADERS OF THE
TRIBE AND KEEPERS
OF ITS LAWS AND
HISTORY.

NOW, WE
ARE MORE LIKE
THE MYTHS
ABOUT OUR
PEOPLE--

--TAKING
THOSE TOO
OLD TO
HUNT--

--AND
SETTING THEM
ADRIFT ON THE
ICE TO DIE--

--AMIDST
THE CREATION
THAT BORE US.

THEY
WERE THE
LAWMAKERS
AND JUDGES
AND LIBRARIES
ALL IN ONE.

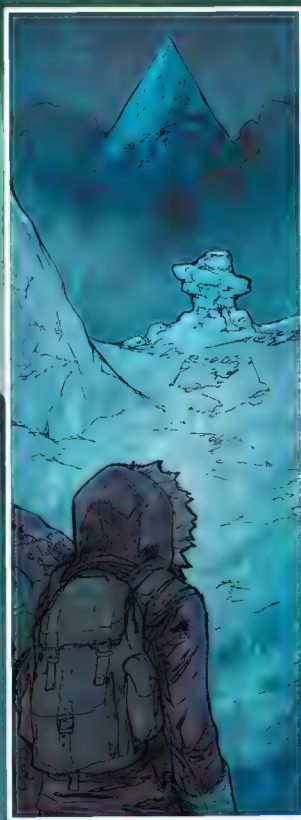
I SUPPOSE NOW
IT'S TIME FOR THE
MYTH-TELLER TO
BECOME THE
MYTH.

BUT,
WHY?

BECAUSE
THAT IS OUR
WAY--A WAY THAT
WILL SOON BE
FORGOTTEN.

WHERE
WILL YOU
GO?

"I'LL GO WHERE
OUR PEOPLE HAVE
ALWAYS GONE--



"WHEN OUR
STORIES COME
TO AN END."



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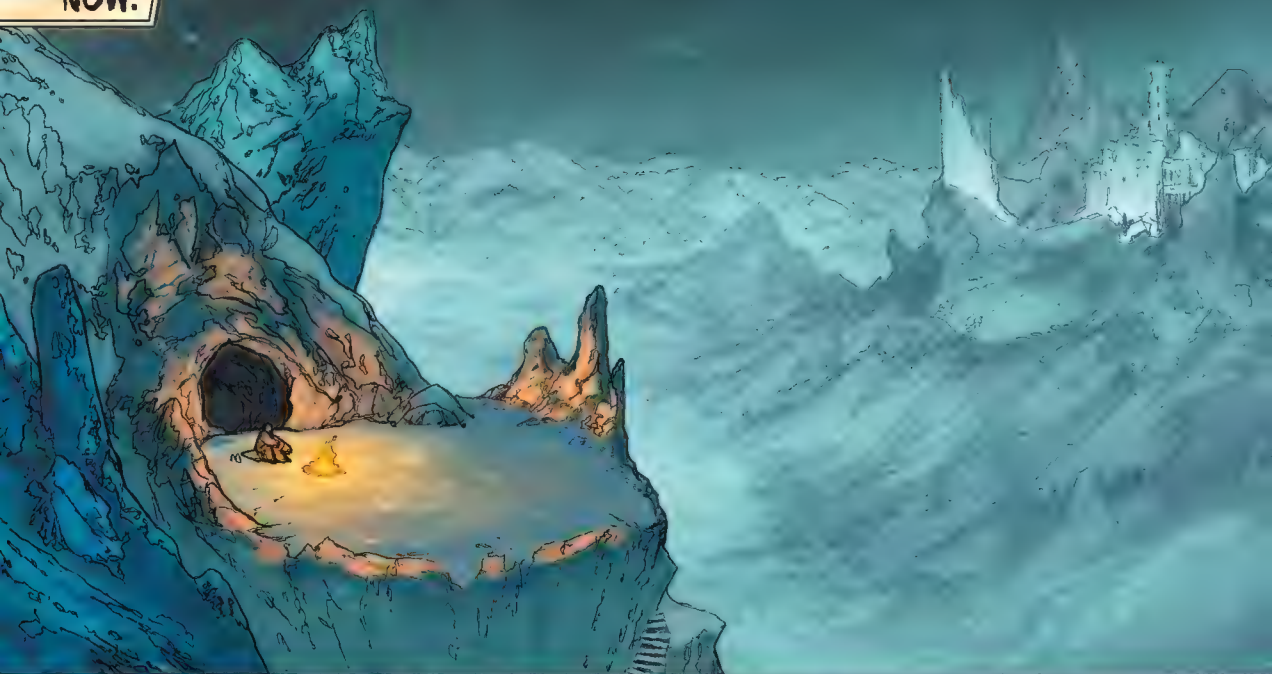
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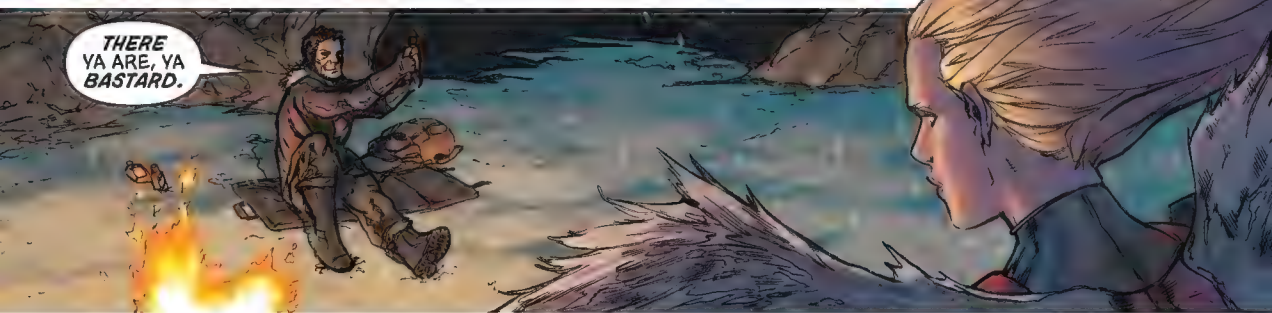
NOW.



I TOLD HIM TEN BOTTLES. I COUNT SEVEN EMPTIES AND A CHANGE OF UNDERWEAR. LITTLE CREEP SHORTED ME. I SWEAR, I'LL...



THERE YA ARE, YA BASTARD.



YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

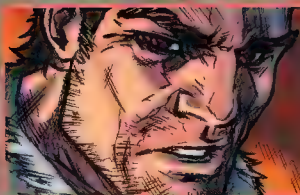
FROM THE LOOKS OF YA, GIRLIE, NEITHER SHOULD YOU.





I HAVE
EARNED A
RIGHT TO BE
HERE THROUGH
SACRIFICES
BEYOND YOUR
IMAGINATION.

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THAT, LITTLE
ANGEL.



I'VE
IMAGINED
QUITE A BIT
OVER THE
YEARS.



YOU
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
KNOW--

WHAT? I
COULDN'T KNOW
WHAT'S ABOUT TO
HAPPEN? KNOW
WHY YOU'RE
HERE?



KNOW
WHAT YOU
ARE?

THERE'S
MORE TO ME
THAN JUST MY
IMAGINATION,
LITTLE ANGEL.



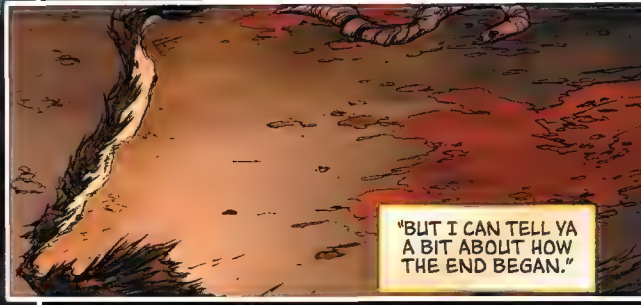
IF YOU KNOW
SO MUCH, THEN
TELL ME HOW THIS
WILL END BEFORE
I SPILL YOUR
ALCOHOL-SOAKED
INNARDS.

DON'T
NEED VIOLENCE
TO GET ME TO
SPILL THE BEANS.
JUST A PAIR OF
EARS AND A
BOTTLE.

SPEAKING
OF SPILLIN'
WOOPS.



"NOW, I CAN'T TELL YA MUCH
ABOUT HOW THINGS'LL END 'CAUSE
WE BOTH KNOW THERE'S ONLY ONE
PERSON KNOWS THAT FER SURE."



"BUT I CAN TELL YA
A BIT ABOUT HOW
THE END BEGAN."

"IT'S STRANGE, WHAT THIS LIFE GIVES US. IT'S RARELY WHAT WE WANT BUT, IF WE PAY ATTENTION, WE SEE IT'S OFTEN JUST WHAT WE NEED."



"SANGILAK--THE ONE WHO FIRST LED THE SETTLERS OF THE NORTH--KNEW HIS PEOPLE NEEDED STRONG MALES FOR THE HUNT; NOT ANOTHER WEAK, FEMALE MOUTH TO FEED."



"YEARS STRETCHED ON AND FOOD BECAME SCARCE. AS HIS PEOPLE STARVED, SANGILAK CAME TO FIND THAT IT WAS NOT STRONGER HUNTERS HE NEEDED..."



"...JUST A LITTLE BIT OF FAITH."



"HER FORESIGHT PROVED A VALUABLE GIFT."



"THOUGH THERE WERE SOME THINGS EVEN SHE COULDN'T SEE."

"DOWN THROUGH
THE YEARS, THE
DAUGHTERS OF
SANGILAK LED
MY PEOPLE.

"EACH GENERATION
BEARING A DAUGHTER
BLESSED WITH THE
ABILITY TO SEE WHAT
HAD YET TO HAPPEN.



"HER GIFT HELPED TO
PRESERVE HER PEOPLE, AND SHE
PRESERVED THEIR STORIES ON
THE VERY FACE OF THESE LANDS.



"ESPECIALLY
THE STORIES OF
THE OLD GODS.



"THE ONES
THEY SAY FELL
FROM THE SKY.



"AND SO NOW YOU
TELL ME, LITTLE
ANGEL...

"...WHERE ARE THE
REST OF YA?"





IF YOU SPEAK OF MY SISTERS, THEN SURELY YOUR STORIES HAVE TOLD YOU OF THEIR FATE.

WASN'T TALKIN' ABOUT YER SISTERS.

THEY'RE DOIN' EXACTLY WHAT THEY SHOULD BE DOIN'. I MEANT THE OTHER ONES.

THE ONES SANGILAK'S PEOPLE THOUGHT TO BE GODS.

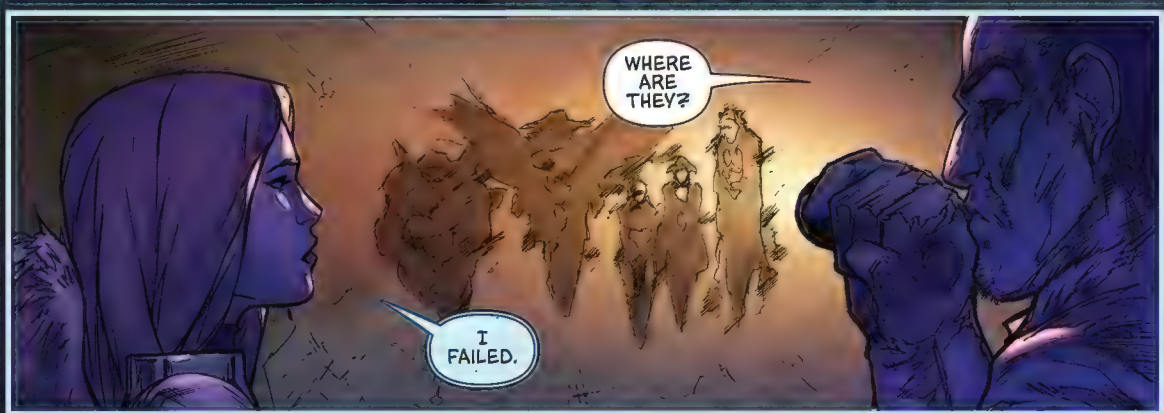


I'VE BEEN TELLING THE STORY OF THE GODS THAT CAME TO EARTH FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.

SO LONG THAT I FORGOT TO CARE IF THEY WERE REAL.



BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, I GOTTA KNOW.



WHERE ARE THEY?

I FAILED.



I FAILED HIM. HE GAVE ME ONE TASK AND THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH IT, AND I FAILED.

I LOOKED THE UNIVERSE OVER AND COULDN'T FIND THEM, AND HE...HE DID NOTHING TO HELP ME.



WHY. WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

HELL OF A DELIVERY, BUT I KNOW A GUY THAT MIGHT BE UPSET THAT YOU'RE STEALIN' HIS LINE.

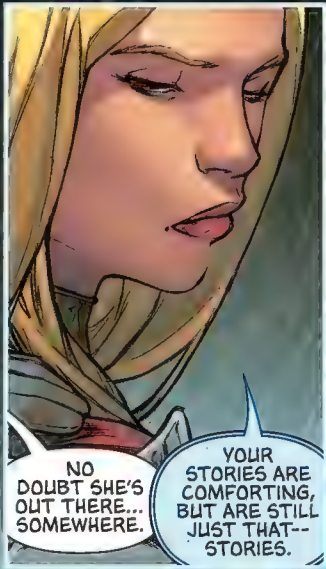


IF ONLY SHE WERE HERE.

WHO?

SANGILAK'S DAUGHTER; OR HER PROGENY, RATHER. I COULD SEE WHERE THEY ARE. WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO NEXT.

THAT AIN'T ENTIRELY A BAD IDEA.

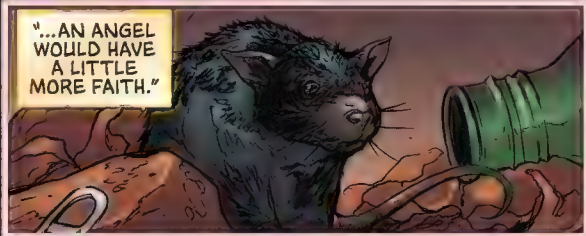


NO DOUBT SHE'S OUT THERE... SOMEWHERE.

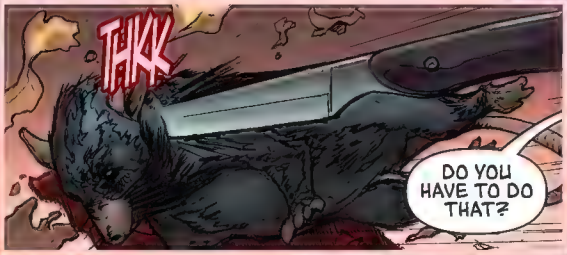
YOUR STORIES ARE COMFORTING, BUT ARE STILL JUST THAT-- STORIES.



FRANKLY, I'M SHOCKED. I'D FIGURE IF ANYONE...



"...AN ANGEL
WOULD HAVE
A LITTLE
MORE FAITH."



DO YOU
HAVE TO DO
THAT?

JUST
BE GLAD I
DON'T MAKE
YOU DO IT.

BESIDES,
RATIONS ARE
RUNNING LOW
AND WE NEED
FOOD.

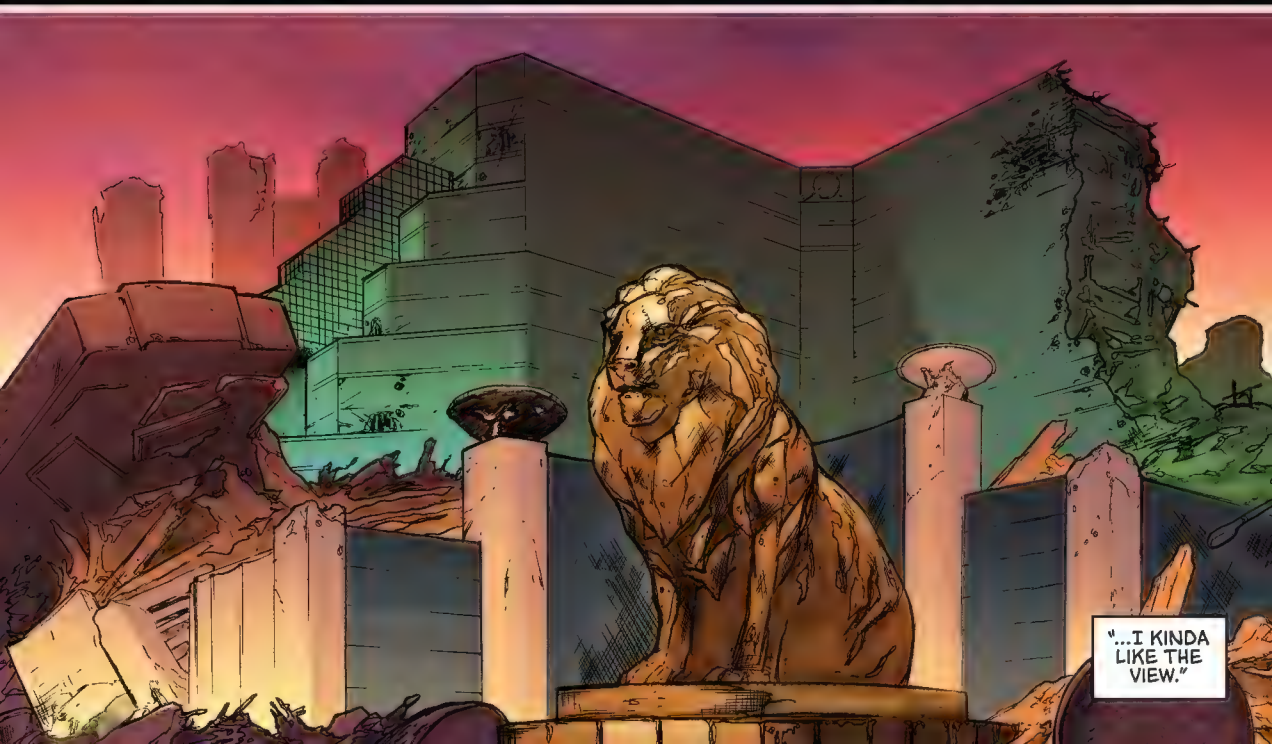
WE'RE
EXPOSED
HERE. WE
SHOULD BE IN
AN INTERIOR
ROOM.

WE'RE FINE.
THE CHINESE HAVEN'T
PATROLLED THIS AREA IN
MONTHS. BESIDES, WE
NEED TO KEEP ON THE COMMS
CHANNELS AND
PIRATE'S THING--

DIGITAL
RADIO MONDIALE
SHORTWAVE
RECEIVER.

YEAH,
THAT THING,
IS TOO WEAK TO
GO THROUGH
CONCRETE.

AND,
BESIDES...



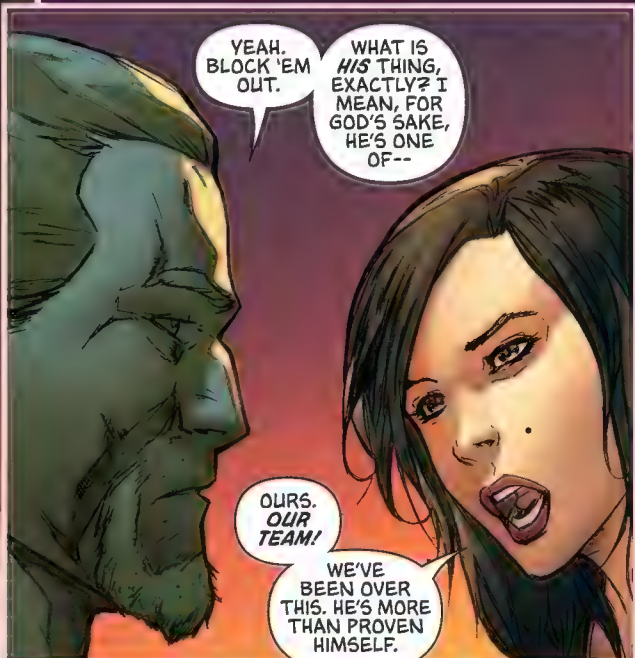
"...I KINDA
LIKE THE
VIEW."



WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME. WE NEED TO MOVE.

WHERE? JUST LET PIRATE DO HIS THING SO WE CAN FIND THE NEAREST MILITARY INSTALLATION.

THE U.S. ALLOCATED ONLY A FEW RADIO BANDS FOR DRM TRANSMISSIONS BEFORE THE START OF THE WAR. IT'S THE ONLY BAND THE MILITARY USES TO BLOCK OUT THE CHINESE.

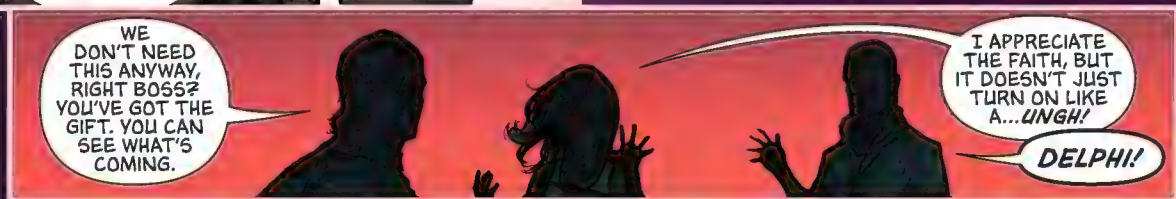


YEAH. BLOCK 'EM OUT.

WHAT IS HIS THING, EXACTLY? I MEAN, FOR GOD'S SAKE, HE'S ONE OF--

OURS. OUR TEAM!

WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS. HE'S MORE THAN PROVEN HIMSELF.

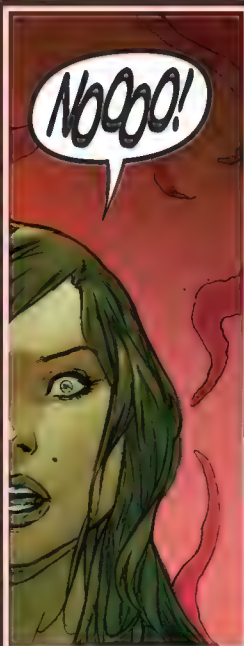
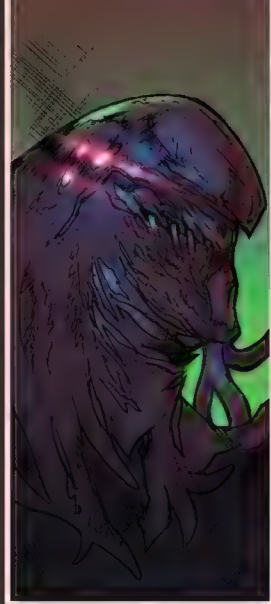


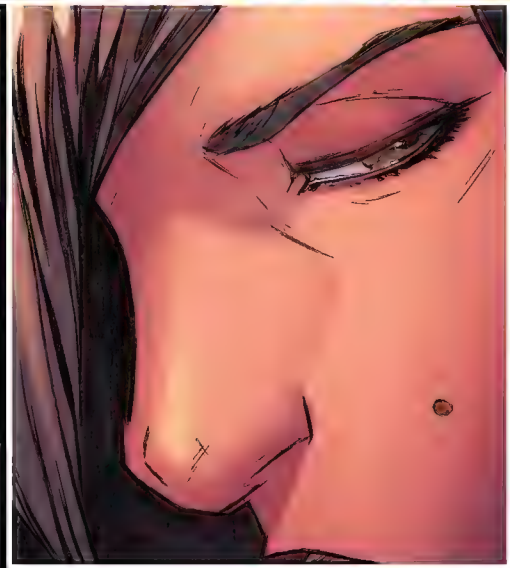
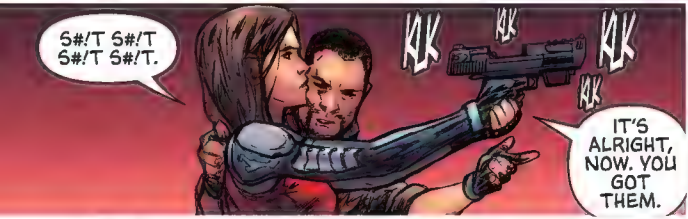
WE DON'T NEED THIS ANYWAY, RIGHT BOSS? YOU'VE GOT THE GIFT. YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S COMING.

I APPRECIATE THE FAITH, BUT IT DOESN'T JUST TURN ON LIKE A...UNGH!

DELPHI!







THEN.

"THE ONE WHO
DESTROYS US
ALL."

EXPLAIN
YOURSELF

THIS...
THING CAN
CONTROL THESE
BEINGS. WHY NOT
HUMANS AS
WELL?

HE
COULD HELP
US DESTROY
THEM ALL.

FOLLY!

LILTH, MY
QUEEN, THIS IS ALL
DREAMING. I AM
CONCERNED--

MY SAFETY IS
YOUR CONCERN.
THAT IS ALL.

NOW
CONTINUE,
SYTH-RASSAR.
HOW CAN *THIS*
CONTROL THE
HUMANS?

THROUGH THE
SAME MEANS WE'VE
USED TO TRAVEL
THE COSMOS ALL
THESE YEARS.

WE OPEN A DOOR--
A SMALL DOOR--IN
SPACE, BACK TO EARTH,
TO ALLOW JUST ITS
CONSCIOUSNESS TO
PASS THROUGH.

WE USE IT
TO WEAKEN THEM.
THROUGH MY...*OUR*
INFLUENCE, WE DIRECT
IT TO CONTROL
LEADERS, GENERALS,
ARMIES--

ENOUGH!

**YOU SPEAK
OF INFLUENCE,
CONTROL...BUT I
AM NO ONE'S
PUPPET!**



ENDREYA
AND I COULD
STAND TO PULL
A FEW OF ITS
STRINGS.

A NOVEL
THOUGHT,
DAEVA.

**AWAY,
WITCHES!**



YOU THINK THIS
ALL A TRICK? MY
POWER--

YOUR
"POWER" HAS
YET TO CAST
ANY INFLUENCE
ON ANY ONE
OF US.



I BEG
YOUR PARDON.
PLEASE DO NOT
VIEW OUR PRESENCE
AS A CONFRONTATION.
IN FACT, IT'S JUST
THE OPPOSITE.

WE ARE
HERE TO HELP
YOUR POWER
TO GROW.

BEFORE
THE EONS OF
WANDERING THAT
LED US TO YOUR
WORLD, WE RULED
EARTH AND ITS
STEWARDS:
HUMANS.

NOT
UNLIKE THE
SIMPLE BEINGS
YOU CONTROL
HERE. THEY WERE...
SUGGESTIBLE,
CORRUPTIBLE.

NYSE

"PROSPERITY IS THEIR
WEAKNESS AS THEY
DESTROY EACH OTHER TO
GAIN MORE WEALTH."

"IN THIS WEAKNESS
LIES OUR GREATEST
OPPORTUNITY."

"WE CAN FORCE THEM TO TEAR
EACH OTHER APART WITH THE
MERE SUGGESTION OF GREATER
POWER-- OF GAINING *MORE*."

"A SUGGESTION
FROM YOU."

EVEN IF I
COULD TRANSMIT
MY ABILITY TO THIS
EARTH, WHAT
BENEFIT WOULD IT
AFFORD ME?

HOLLYWOOD



YOU
WOULD HAVE
CONTROL
OVER A
WORLD.

THAT I
COULD NOT
SEE NOR
TOUCH.

FREEDOM,
THEN.

THESE
BONDS
CANNOT BE
BROKEN BY
ANY HANDS,
MORTAL OR
IMMORTAL.

THEN THE
SATISFACTION
THAT YOU CREATED
A CRISIS THAT
REACHED BEYOND
THE POWER OF
HEAVEN ITSELF.



WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW OF
HEAVEN?



A
CURIOUS
QUESTION
THAT I WOULD
FIRST ASK
YOU.



HE IS
THERE.

WHO?

THE
ONE WHO
PUT ME
HERE.

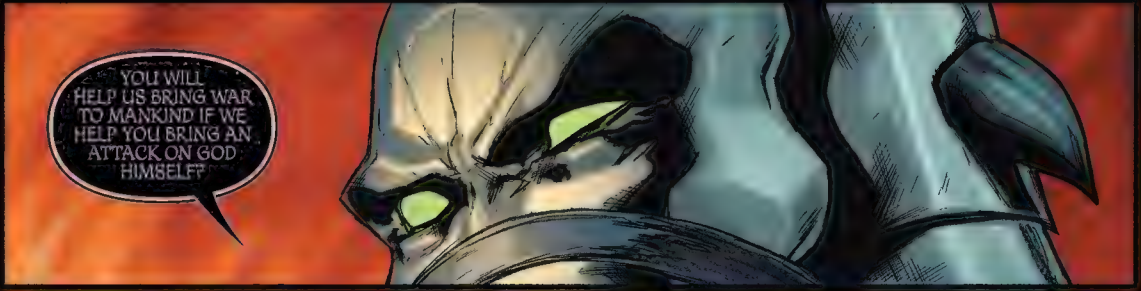


THE ONE YOU
WILL HELP ME TO
DEFEAT AFTER I
HAVE BROUGHT
YOUR WAR TO
EARTH.

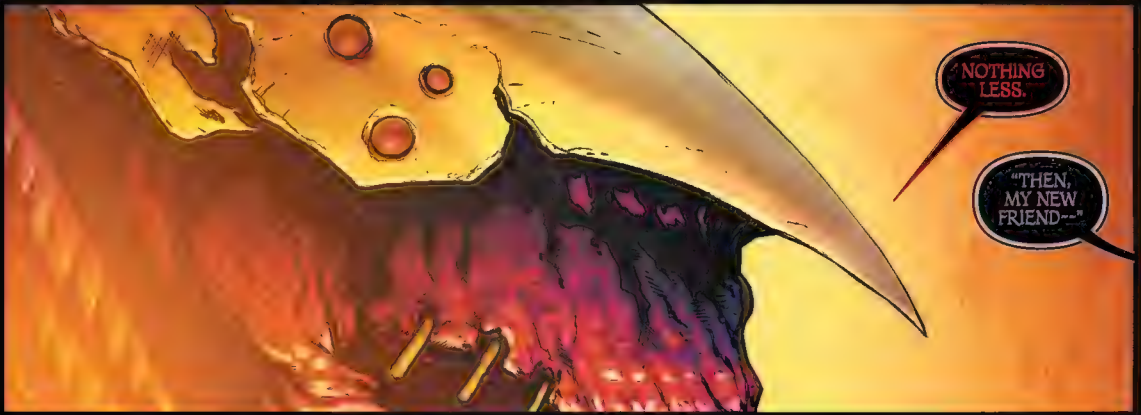


YOU'RE SPEAKING OF GOD?

THE CREATOR, YES.



YOU WILL HELP US BRING WAR TO MANKIND IF WE HELP YOU BRING AN ATTACK ON GOD HIMSELF?



NOTHING LESS.

"THEN, MY NEW FRIEND--"



NOW.



"IT APPEARS YOU HAVE BLESSED US WITH A BARGAIN."

ANGELS AND DEVILS AND THE FREAKIN' END OF THE WORLD!



YOU SEE
ALL THAT S#T,
BUT THIS? YOU
COULDN'T SEE
THIS?!

THAT'S
NOT HOW IT
WORKS.

AND I
KNOW WHAT
I SAW.



I'LL
TELL YOU
NOW WHAT
I SEE.

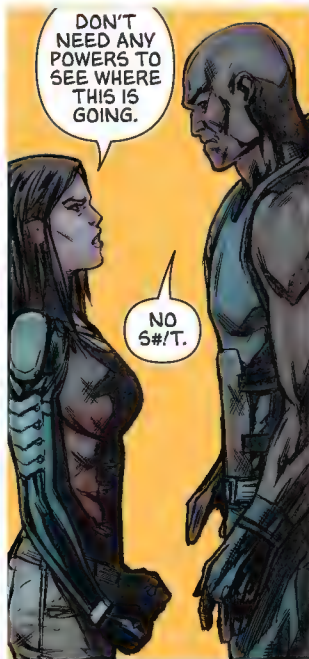
I SEE ALL
OF US ENDING UP
JUST LIKE BAKER
OVER THERE IF WE
KEEP FOLLOWING
YOU ON THIS FOOL'S
MISSION.



I ALSO SEE ONE HELL
OF A COINCIDENCE WHEN
THE ONLY ONE OF US
WHO COULD INTERCEPT A
TRANSMISSION TO THAT
CHINESE HIT SQUAD
AND *DIDN'T*--



--JUST
HAPPENS
TO BE
CHINESE.



DON'T
NEED ANY
POWERS TO
SEE WHERE
THIS IS
GOING.

NO
S#T.



SO JUST DO
WHAT YOU'RE
GOING TO
DO.

YEAH.

IF WE CAN
SYPHON OFF
ANOTHER FEW
GALLONS WE
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO MAKE IT UP
TO RENO.

YOU'RE
JUST LETTING
THEM GO?

YOU
REALLY WANT
THEM TO STAY
AFTER THAT?

DO YOU
BELIEVE
HIM?



DO YOU
BELIEVE WHAT
MEMPHIS SAID
ABOUT--

WELL?

I KNOW
WHAT HE
SAID.

SHOULD
I?

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?

IT MEANS
I COULD USE
A LITTLE MORE
FAITH RIGHT
NOW.

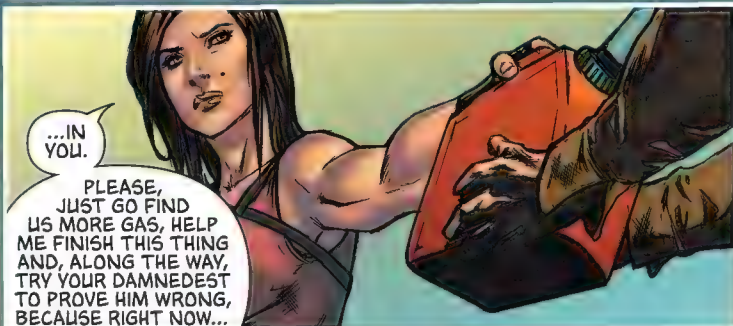
FAITH IN
WHAT?

WELL...



...IN
YOU.

PLEASE,
JUST GO FIND
US MORE GAS, HELP
ME FINISH THIS THING
AND, ALONG THE WAY,
TRY YOUR DAMNEDEST
TO PROVE HIM WRONG,
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW...



...I
HONESTLY
DON'T KNOW
THAT HE ISN'T
RIGHT.

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"FAITH'S A
FUNNY THING."



WHEN
YOU'RE YOUNG,
IT'S THE EASIEST
THING IN THE
WORLD.

BUT
WHEN YOU'RE
OLDER, IT'S LIKE
YOU GET TO WHERE
YOU WON'T EVEN
TRUST WHAT'S RIGHT
IN FRONT OF
YER EYES.

IF SHE
IS REAL, I
HAVE TO FIND
HER.



AIN'T
YER TIME
YET, ANGEL.
SEE. RIGHT
THERE.

YOU'VE
GOT A WAYS
TO GO YET
BEFORE YOU'LL
BE HELPING
HER.



DRUNK! WHY DO
I TRUST *YOU* OR
THESE *SENSELESS*
SCRIBBLES?

YOU
TRUST THEM
BECAUSE YOU
KNOW IN YER
HEART THEY'RE
TRUE.

AND
YOU'RE GONNA
TRUST ME...



... 'CAUSE I
WAS THERE
WHEN SANGILAK'S
DAUGHTER DREW
'EM IN THE FIRST
PLACE.

THAT
CAN'T BE. THESE
PAINTINGS ARE
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS OLD.



AND THAT
MAKES
THREE OF
US.

NOW, GET ME
ANOTHER BOTTLE
AND I'LL TELL YOU
EXACTLY WHAT
YER GONNA DO
NEXT.

"BEFORE THE WHOLE
WORLD COMES TO
AN END."



<THESE ARE
THE AMERICAN
DOGS THAT
TOOK OUT OUR
FIRST STRIKE
TEAM?>*

<WE WILL BE
COMMEDED IN
THEIR PLACE FOR
ELIMINATING
THIS TRASH.>

*TRANSLATED
FROM CHINESE.

<AN OVERSIGHT
SIGNIFYING THEIR
WEAKNESS. THAT
IS WHY THEY
FELL.>

<WAIT! NEW
ORDERS FROM
BEIJING. WE ARE
TO TAKE THE
AMERICANS
ALIVE.>

<WHO COULD
POSSIBLY CARE
ABOUT THESE
TWO?>

<"APPARENTLY, THE
GENERAL HIMSELF.">

<THE ORDER
HAS BEEN GIVEN,
GENERAL. ANY
CAPTURES WILL
BE REPORTED
DIRECTLY TO
YOU.>

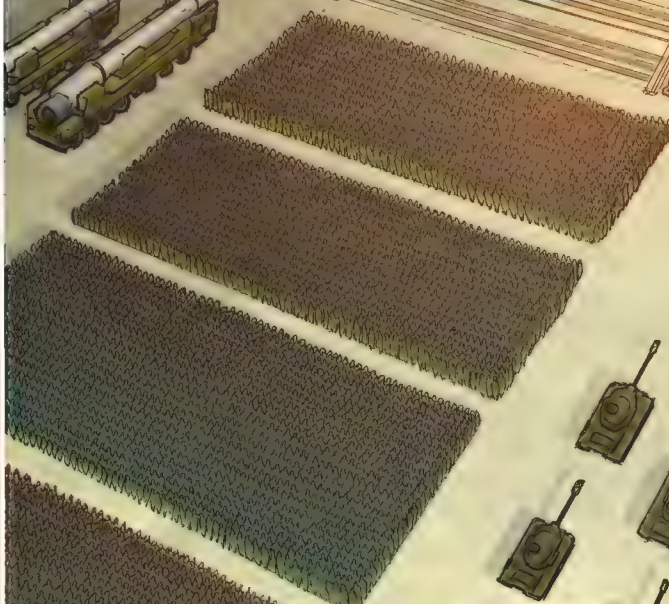
<IF I MAY,
GENERAL,
WHY ARE THESE
AMERICANS OF
SUCH
INTEREST?>

<EVEN
MORE
THAN GOD
HIMSELF.>

<DO YOU
TRUST ME,
CAPTAIN?>

<YOUR
ENTIRE NATION
TRUSTS YOU,
GENERAL.>

<THEN
BELIEVE
THAT I KNOW
MORE OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF
THIS WAR THAN
ANYONE.>



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THE PLANET KRE'TAI.
ADOPTED HOME OF THE
SYNDICATE.

**CHAMBER OF THE
IMPRISONED ELDER
GOD AETHION.**

NO.



WHAT IS
THE MEANING OF
ALL THIS, SYTH-
RASSAR?

THE SURGE,
QUEEN LILITH...
IT CAME FROM
THE THRONE
ROOM.





HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

THE PORTAL IS A GATEWAY, ENDREYA, A DOOR TO EARTH. IF AETHION CAN SEND HIS INFLUENCE THERE, THEN...

SOMETHING-- OR SOMEONE-- CAN TRAVEL HERE. BUT WHO?

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS! IT REALLY HAS BEEN TOO LONG.

MY, MY,
MY, WE *HAVE*
BEEN BUSY.

FORGING
WARS. SLAUGHTERING
HUMANS' BEAUTIFUL
WORK, REALLY.

ALMOST
A SHAME THAT
I HAVE TO BRING
IT TO AN END.

YOU ARE A
MADMAN!

MORE OF A
MESSENGER,
BARALECH,
BEARING
JUST ONE
QUESTION:



JUST
WHAT IN THE
HELL ARE YOU
DOING TO *MY*
EARTH?!

THE NEVADA
DESERT.

'BOUT
TIME. YOU'VE
GOT TO PICK UP
THE PACE.

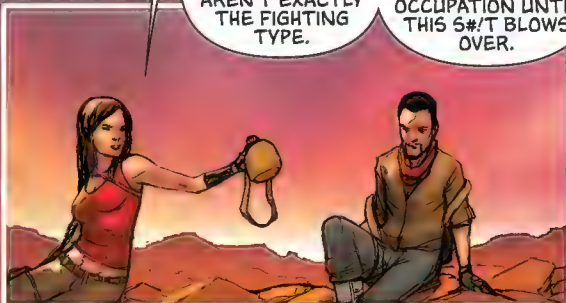
THAT
CHINESE HIT
TEAM HAS BEEN
TRACKING US SINCE
VEGAS. DOUBT
THEY'RE TAKING
BREAKS.

JUST...
JUST GIMME
FIVE.

FINE.

WHY
DID YOU JOIN
THE REVOLUTION,
ANYWAY? YOU
AREN'T EXACTLY
THE FIGHTING
TYPE.

BESIDES.
YOU'RE CHINESE.
YOU COULD JUST
BLEND IN AND GO
ALONG WITH THE
OCCUPATION UNTIL
THIS S#T BLOWS
OVER.



FIRST OFF, MY
PARENTS WERE
CHINESE. I'M
AMERICAN. I'M
JUST LIKE YOU. I
JUST WANT TO
DEFEND MY
COUNTRY.

TRUST
ME. YOU'RE
NOTHING LIKE
ME.



THIS CRAP IN MY
HEAD...THESE VISIONS
I GET...THEY STARTED
BEFORE THE WAR.
BUT I SAW IT. I SAW
EVERYTHING.

I SAW THE
INVASION. I
EVEN SAW MY
PARENTS...

...NEVER
MIND.

IT'S
NOT EXACTLY
SOMETHING A
NORMAL PERSON
LIKE YOU WOULD
UNDERSTAND.



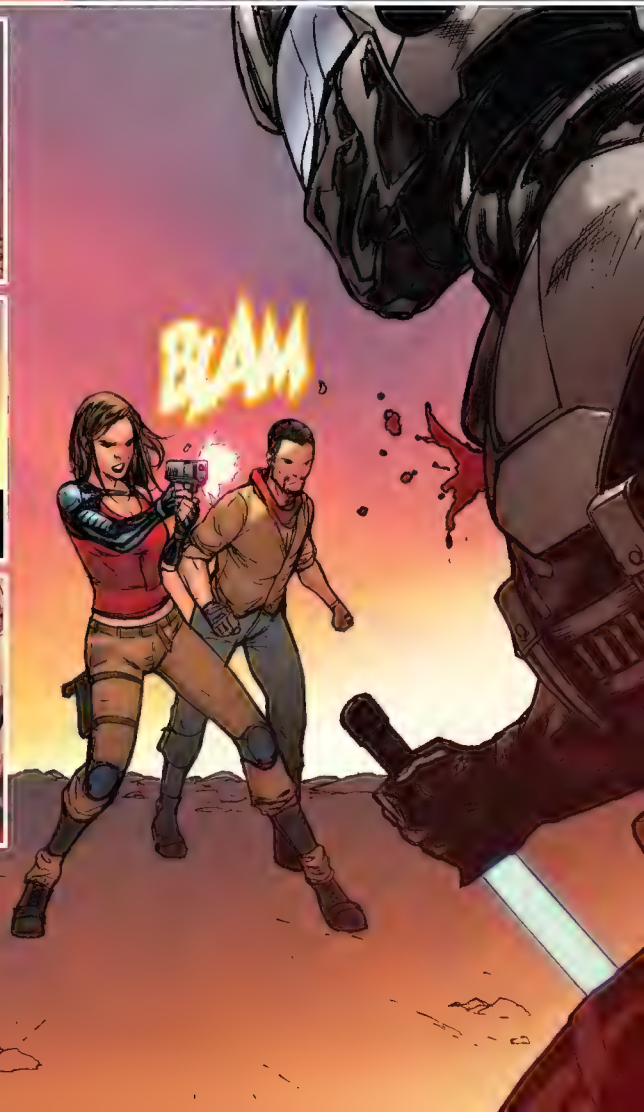
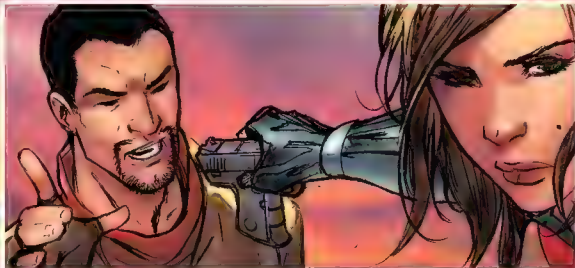
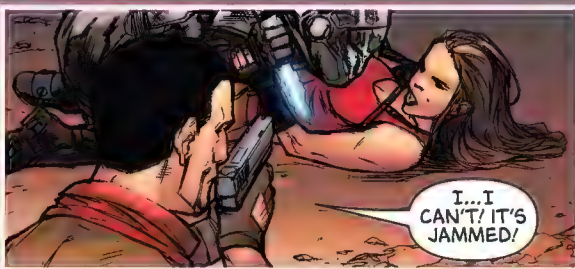
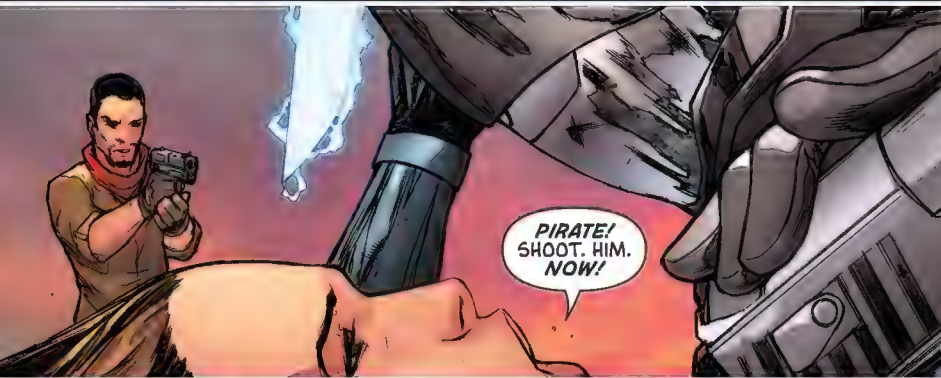
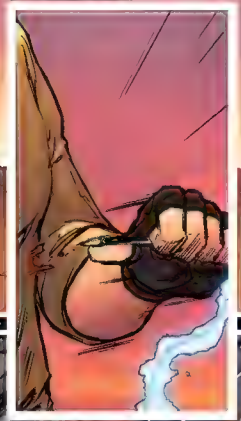
I'D LIKE
TO TRY.
TO HELP
YOU--

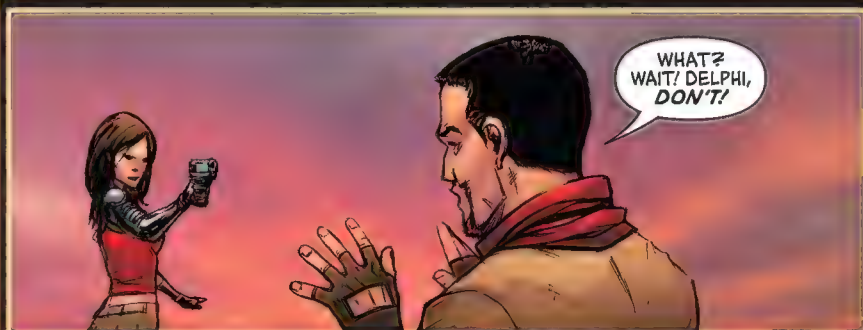
KILL
THEM.

WHAT?
NO. I
MEANT--

NO!







ALASKA.

WHO ARE YOU?

FOR NOW, SARAVATI, I'M A FRIEND. AND I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME--TOO LONG--FOR THIS DAY.

THEN WHY DELAY ME?

BECAUSE TIMING IS EVERYTHING. AND, I NEED TO MAKE SURE.

MAKE SURE OF WHAT?

THAT YER HEAD--YER *HEART*--IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE FOR THIS.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU MAKING GOOD ON YOUR MISSION TO STOP THOSE FALLEN ANGELS.

THIS AIN'T ABOUT *YOU* AT ALL.

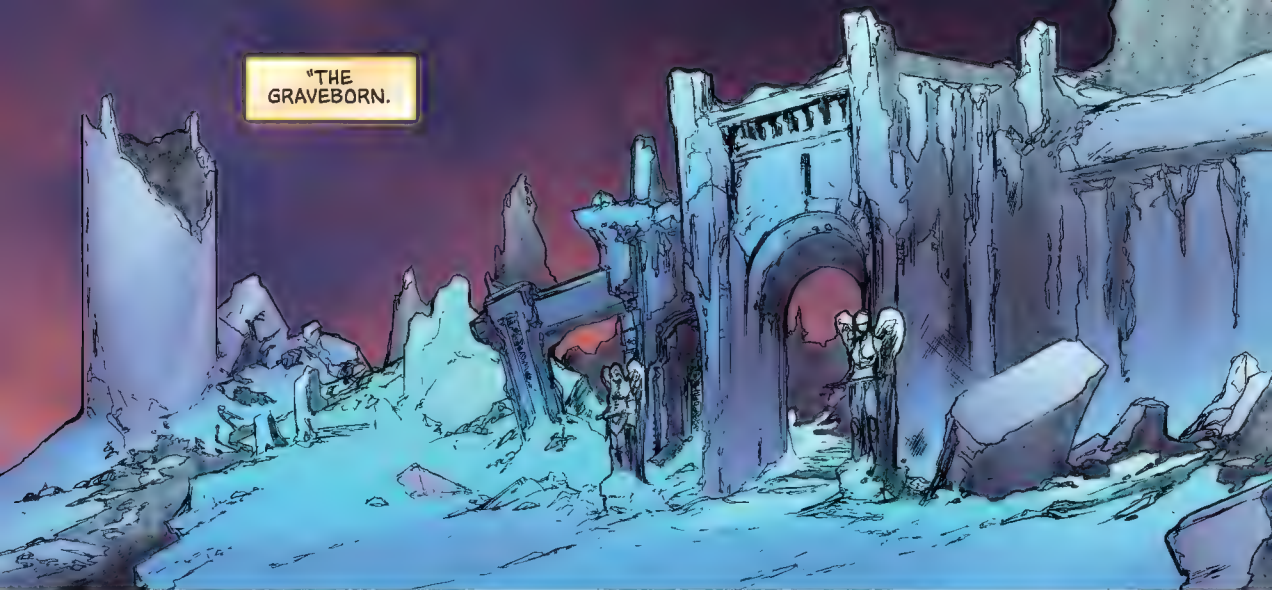
SANGILAK'S DESCENDANT IS GOING TO NEED A GUIDE--A TEACHER--NOT JUST A PROTECTOR.

THOUGH SHE WILL NEED PLENTY OF PROTECTIN', THAT'S FOR SURE.

WHY?

BECAUSE *THEY*'LL BE COMING FOR HER.

"THE
GRAVEBORN."

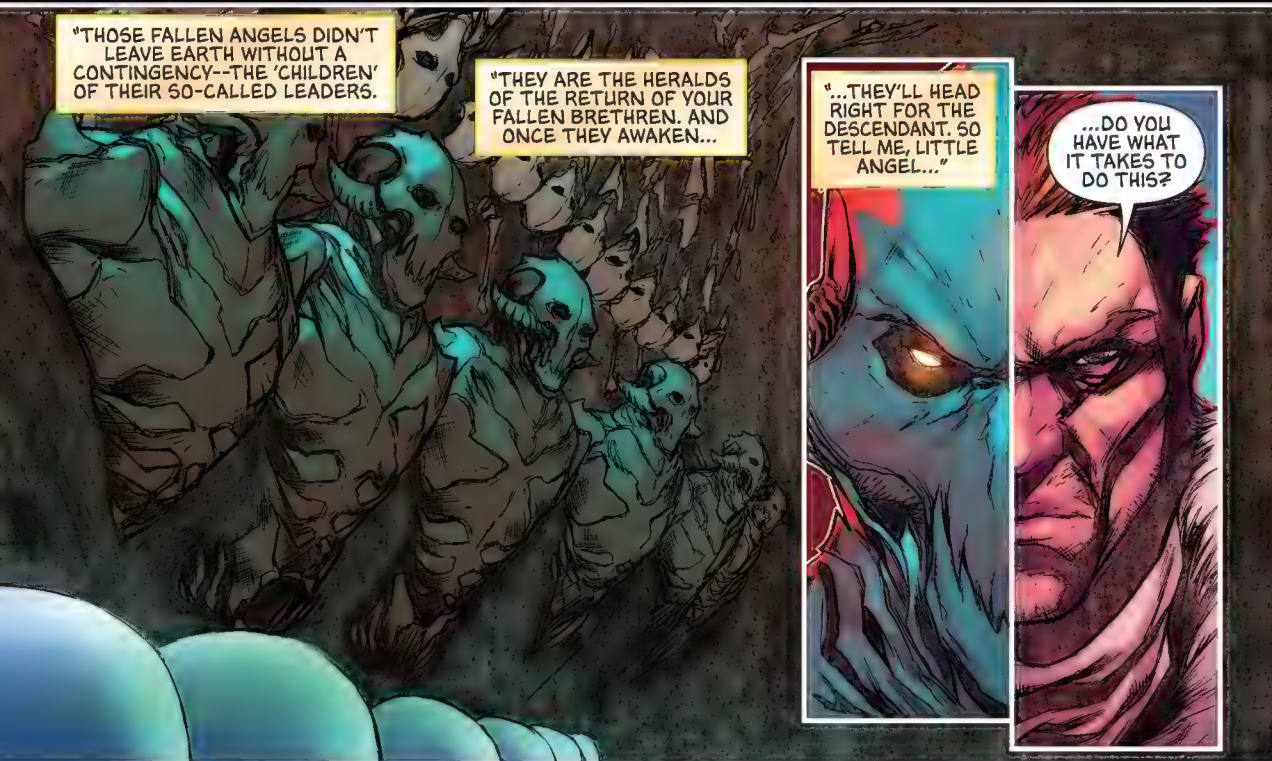


"THOSE FALLEN ANGELS DIDN'T
LEAVE EARTH WITHOUT A
CONTINGENCY--THE 'CHILDREN'
OF THEIR SO-CALLED LEADERS."

"THEY ARE THE HERALDS
OF THE RETURN OF YOUR
FALLEN BRETHREN. AND
ONCE THEY AWAKEN..."

"...THEY'LL HEAD
RIGHT FOR THE
DESCENDANT. SO
TELL ME, LITTLE
ANGEL..."

"...DO YOU
HAVE WHAT
IT TAKES TO
DO THIS?"



WHETHER
HE WILLS IT OR
NOT, I HAVE NO
CHOICE. I *WILL*
FIND HER.

AS MUCH
AS YOU'D LIKE
TO BELIEVE IT,
HE NEVER GAVE
UP ON YOU.

LIKE I SAID,
FAITH'S A FUNNY
THING. NOW IT'S UP
TO YOU TO SHOW
JUST HOW MUCH
YOU'VE GOT.





IS SHE
REALLY THE
ONE? THE ONE
WHO WILL STOP
THEM ALL?

I NEVER
SAID ANYTHING
ABOUT STOP. I
JUST SAID SHE'S
GOTTA BE HERE
WHEN IT ALL
ENDS.

BUT WHAT OF
THE GRAVEBORN?
WHEN THEY AWAKEN,
THEY'LL FIND
YOU.

AND I'LL
DO MY BEST
TO HOLD THEM
OFF. NOW,
GO!

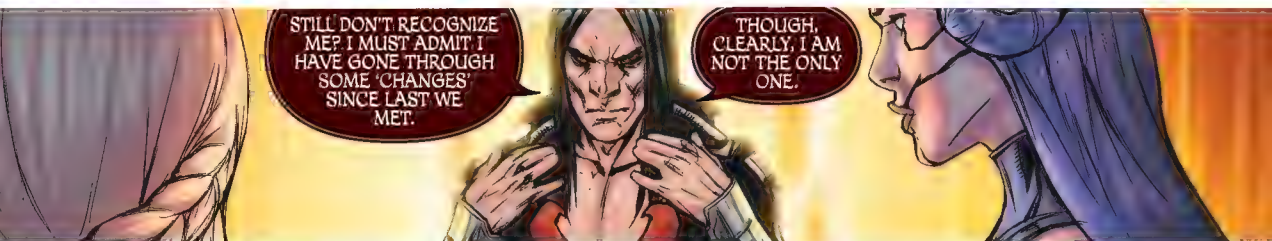
BUT
HOW WILL
YOU--

WHAT'D I JUST
SAY ABOUT HAVIN'
A LITTLE FAITH?
BESIDES, YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO'LL
NEED HELP--
NOT ME.

AND
WHERE WILL
I FIND THIS
HELP?

Oh,
DON'T WORRY.
WHEN THE TIME
COMES...

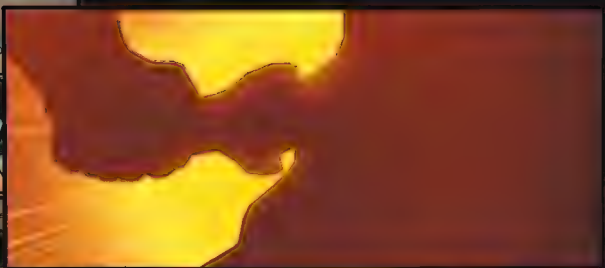
...HE'LL
FIND
YOU.





HE'S THE
*MORNING
STAR!*

GUILTY AS
CHARGED.



SLOW AS
ALWAYS, *eh*,
SYTH-
RASSAR?

THINK I
DON'T RECOGNIZE
YOUR SNIVELING
FACE BEHIND THAT
NEW ARMOR OF
YOURS?



YOU WERE
ALL EXILED
HERE BY THE
ALMIGHTY.

AND YET YOU
USE AETHION, THIS
ABANDONED RELIC,
TO CONTINUE TO
WREAK HAVOC ON
MY EARTH!

AND FOR WHAT?
EVEN IF YOU DESTROY
HUMANITY, DO YOU
REALLY THINK YOU
CAN BEAT ME?



THIS ONE
KNEW THE
SCORE.

HE EVEN TRIED TO
JOIN MY ARMY AS
WE FOUGHT FOR
THE THRONE.

SYTH-
RASSAR, IS
THIS TRUE?



HE IS A
DECEIVER!

AGAIN,
GUILTY AS
CHARGED, BUT
EVEN TRUTH
HAS ITS PLACE.

Oh, YES.
THIS ONE
PROMISED ME
MUCH DURING MY
WAR FOR THE THRONE.



HIS
LOYALTY, HIS
UNDYING
SERVICE.

AND
THE HEAD OF
YOUR PRECIOUS
LEADER, ARCIAH.



IS HE STILL IMPRISONED IN THAT MONSTROSITY YOU BUILT IN ALASKA?

I HAVE HEARD ENOUGH. BARALECH...

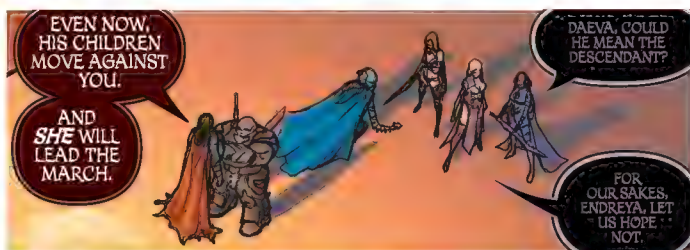
WITH PLEASURE, MY QUEEN.

WHOOOSH



THE BATTLE IS YOURS, BUT THE WAR IS YET TO COME.

YOU'VE ALL PLAYED YOUR HAND TOO EARLY.

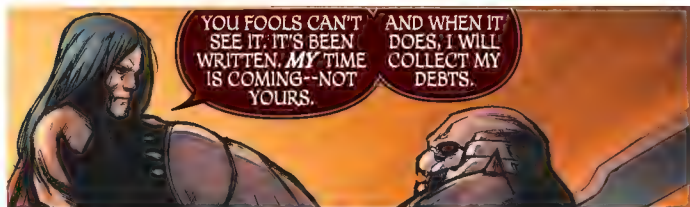


EVEN NOW, HIS CHILDREN MOVE AGAINST YOU.

AND *SHE* WILL LEAD THE MARCH.

DAEVA, COULD HE MEAN THE DESCENDANT?

FOR OUR SAKES, ENDREYA, LET US HOPE NOT.



YOU FOOLS CAN'T SEE IT. IT'S BEEN WRITTEN. *MY* TIME IS COMING--NOT YOURS.

AND WHEN IT DOES, I WILL COLLECT MY DEBTS.



EVERY LAST ONE.



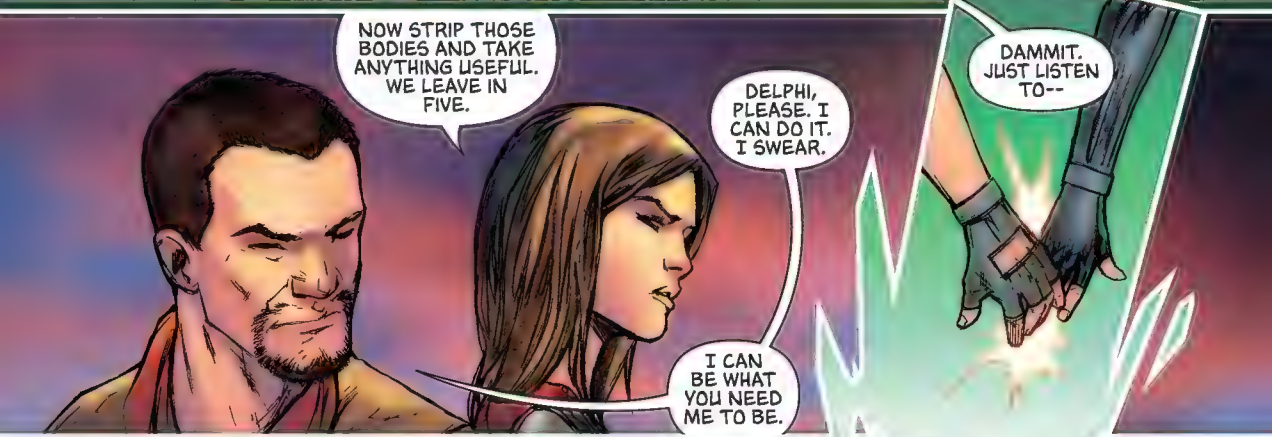
FWOOSH



YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD FRIEND, PIRATE.

BUT FOR WHERE WE'RE GOING--WHAT I'VE SEEN COMING, I DON'T NEED A FRIEND.

I NEED A SOLDIER. AND YOU BETTER DECIDE DAMN QUICK WHICH ONE YOU'RE GOING TO BE.



NOW STRIP THOSE BODIES AND TAKE ANYTHING USEFUL. WE LEAVE IN FIVE.

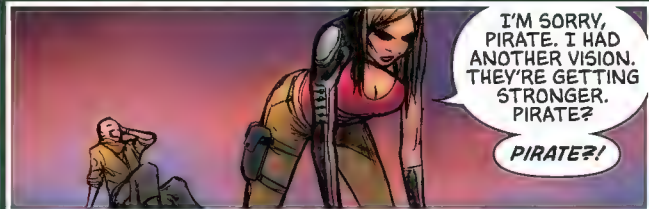
DELPHI, PLEASE. I CAN DO IT. I SWEAR.

I CAN BE WHAT YOU NEED ME TO BE.

DAMMIT. JUST LISTEN TO--



HUWWGH!



I'M SORRY, PIRATE. I HAD ANOTHER VISION. THEY'RE GETTING STRONGER. PIRATE?

PIRATE?!



I...I SAW IT, TOO!

WHAT DID YOU SEE?

EVERYTHING. I SAW EVERYTHING.

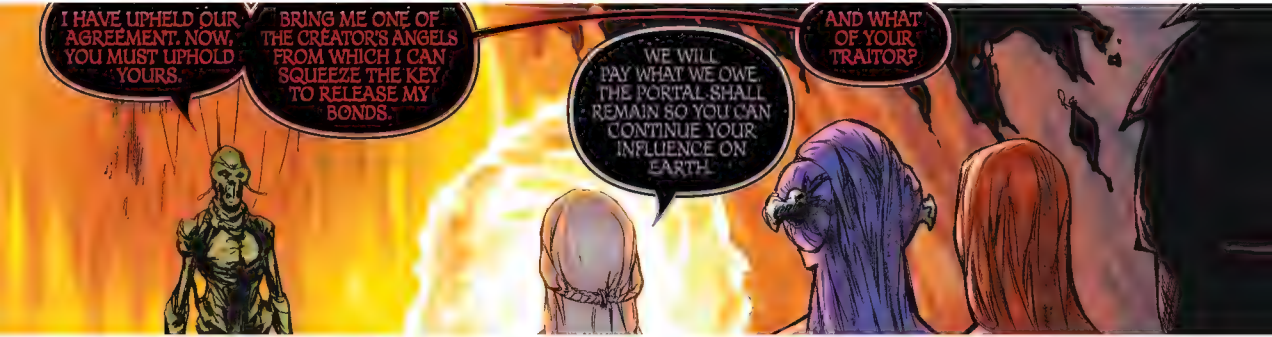
WE HAVE TO GO. NOW!





THE MORNING STAR HAS FORCED OUR HAND. WE MUST GO AND FREE ARCIAH NOW, AND TAKE BACK WHAT IS OURS.

EARTH WILL FACE OUR RULE ONCE MORE.

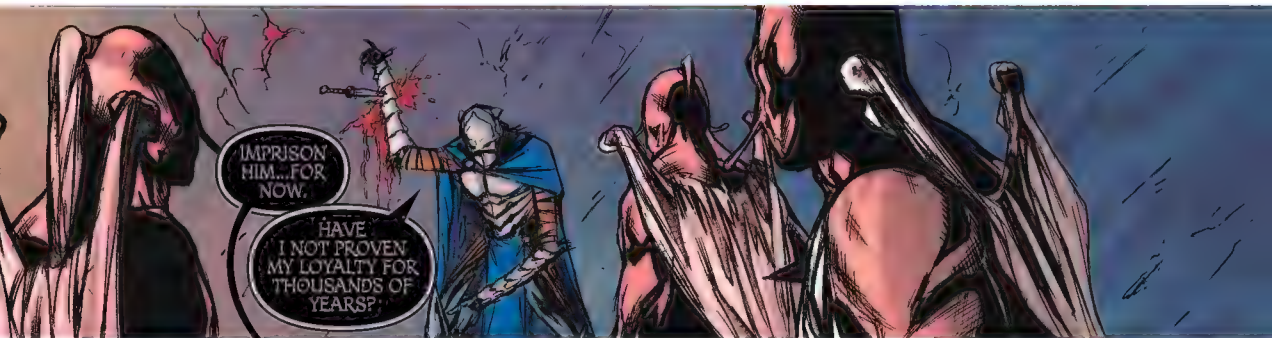


I HAVE UPHELD OUR AGREEMENT. NOW, YOU MUST UPHOLD YOURS.

BRING ME ONE OF THE CREATOR'S ANGELS FROM WHICH I CAN SQUEEZE THE KEY TO RELEASE MY BONDS.

WE WILL PAY WHAT WE OWE. THE PORTAL SHALL REMAIN SO YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR INFLUENCE ON EARTH.

AND WHAT OF YOUR TRAITOR?



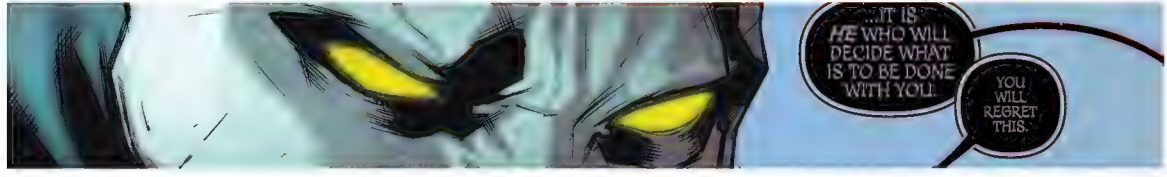
IMPRISON HIM...FOR NOW.

HAVE I NOT PROVEN MY LOYALTY FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS?



YOUR FATE IS NO LONGER IN MY HANDS. NOR IS IT IN YOURS, NOR THEIRS.

WE SHALL FREE ARCIAH AS PLANNED. AND WHEN WE DO...



...IT IS HE WHO WILL DECIDE WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH YOU.

YOU WILL REGRET THIS.



AETHION!
DO YOU REALLY
THINK THEY WILL
UPHOLD THE
AGREEMENT?

EVEN IF
THEY SUCCEED--
IF THEY FREE THEIR
BELOVED KING,
WHAT, THEN?



HNNGH!

WHY
WOULD THEY
HOLD ANY DUTY
TO YOU?



THEY WILL
BECAUSE I STILL
COMMAND THE
MIGHT OF THE
CHINESE ARMY
ON EARTH.

EVEN NOW, I
AM MOVING THOSE
FORCES INTO PLACE
TO ENSURE THEIR
COMPLIANCE.

AND, THEY
WILL BECAUSE
I STILL HAVE
YOU.



OR SO YOU
THINK!

HOW I WISH
YOU'D HAVE
SHOWN THAT
MUCH MOXIE
BACK IN
HEAVEN.



NO MATTER,
YOU'VE GOT IT
NOW, AND
THAT'S WHAT
COUNTS.

MISS
ME?

DEFILER!
DECEIVER!

AGAIN
WITH THE
FLATTERY.

SO THEY LEFT
YOU HERE? NOT
SURPRISING.

PERHAPS
IT'S FOR THE
BEST. IT'S ABOUT
TO GET VERY
MESSY OVER
HERE.

I SHOULD
SEVER YOUR
FOUL
TONGUE.

NOT AN
OPTION. WITH
YOUR BRETHREN
NOW HERE ON EARTH,
THE BALANCE HAS
BEEN UPSET.

YOUR
PRECIOUS PORTAL
IS LITTLE MORE THAN
A WINDOW THAT
CANNOT BE OPENED.

ONLY THE
INFLUENCE OF
AETHION CAN
MOVE BETWEEN
PLANES.

FOR NOW,
YOU'RE STUCK.
BUT LUCKY FOR
YOU, I'M HERE
TO HELP.

BOTH
OF YOU.

I DO NOT
NEED YOUR
HELP.

Oh, BUT I
THINK YOU
DO.

YOUR
FRIENDS CANNOT
RETURN. THEY NEVER
INTENDED TO. THAT
MEANS THE DEAL
WITH AETHION IS
NULL.

IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY.
HE NEEDS AN ANGEL
TO RELEASE HIS
BONDS.

I NEED ARCIAH AND
HIS BAND OF MISFITS
OFF *MY* EARTH.

AND I'M
SURE YOU
WOULDN'T MIND
TAKING A LITTLE
REVENGE FOR
YOURSELF.

BUT AETHION
ALREADY CONTROLS
AN ARMY. WHAT CAN
YOU DO THAT HE
CANNOT ACCOMPLISH
HIMSELF?

YOUR
ARMY MIGHT.
MIGHT. DEFEAT
ARCIAH. BUT I CAN
DELIVER THE ONE
THING GUARANTEED
TO STOP HIM.

THE
DESCENDANT.

EXACTLY.



THE DESCENDANT IS A HARBINGER OF OUR DEMISE. HER KIND WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE. SHE CAN ONLY BRING DESTRUCTION.

AND SHE WILL.

AND ONCE ARCIAH AND THE REST OF YOUR SYNDICATE ARE DESTROYED, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR REVENGE AND AETHION WILL HAVE HIS PRECIOUS ANGEL.

HOW?



NO DOUBT **HE** WILL BE SENDING SEVERAL ANGELS TO STOP A PREMATURE ARMAGEDDON.

AND ONCE THE DESCENDANT IS SUCCESSFUL?

WE USE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE CHINESE FORCES TO WIPE HER AND HER LINEAGE FROM EXISTENCE.



SURELY YOU CAN HANDLE CAPTURING AT LEAST ONE OF THE ANGELIC HERALDRY.

OF THAT I AM CERTAIN, BUT JUST HOW DO YOU PLAN TO BRING THE DESCENDANT TO ARCIAH?

THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT.

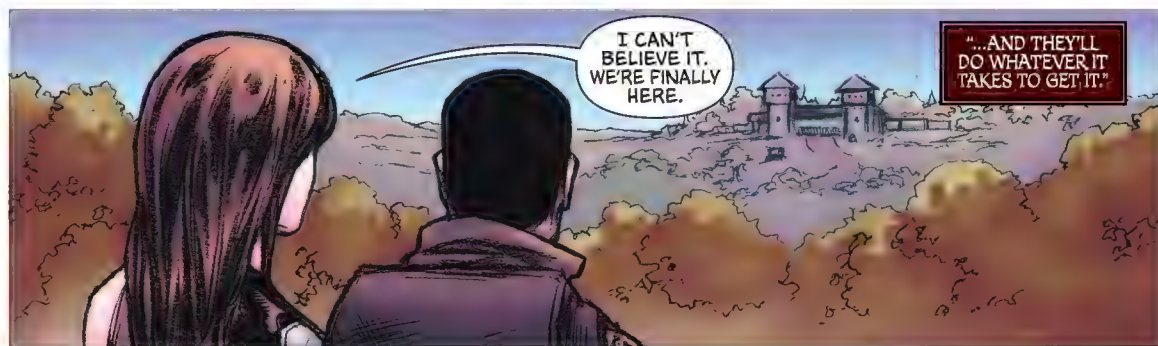
FORT LEWIS.
JUST OUTSIDE
TACOMA,
WASHINGTON.

"I ALREADY HAVE."

"ONE THING I KNOW ABOUT HUMANS IS HOW SUGGESTIBLE THEY CAN BE."



"ALL THEY NEED IS A LITTLE PUSH. SHOW THEM EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE--THEIR HOPES, THEIR DESIRES..."



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. WE'RE FINALLY HERE.

"...AND THEY'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET IT."



SO, WHAT NOW?

I...I'M NOT SURE.

YOU SAW THE VISIONS. THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY LONG ON DETAILS.



WELL, SHOULD WE KNOCK?

YEAH. 'OH, HI. WE'RE JUST A COUPLE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO'VE HAD VISIONS THAT TOLD US TO COME HERE BEFORE MOVING ON TO ALASKA SO WE CAN STOP THE END OF THE WORLD. CAN WE COME IN?"



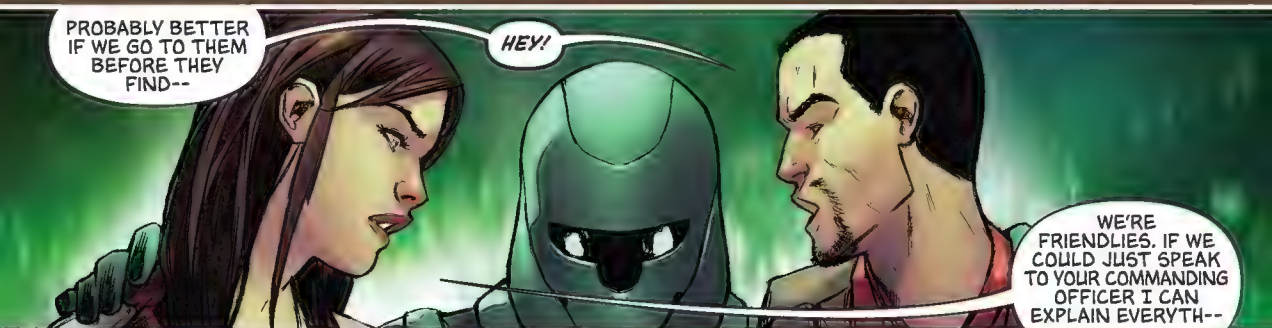
MAYBE WE CAN CLAIM ASYLUM?

THEY'RE NOT AN EMBASSY.

JUST LET ME THINK.

WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING SOON. I'M SURE THEY'VE GOT THE AREA UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

FORT LEWIS



PROBABLY BETTER IF WE GO TO THEM BEFORE THEY FIND--

HEY!

WE'RE FRIENDLIES. IF WE COULD JUST SPEAK TO YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTH--

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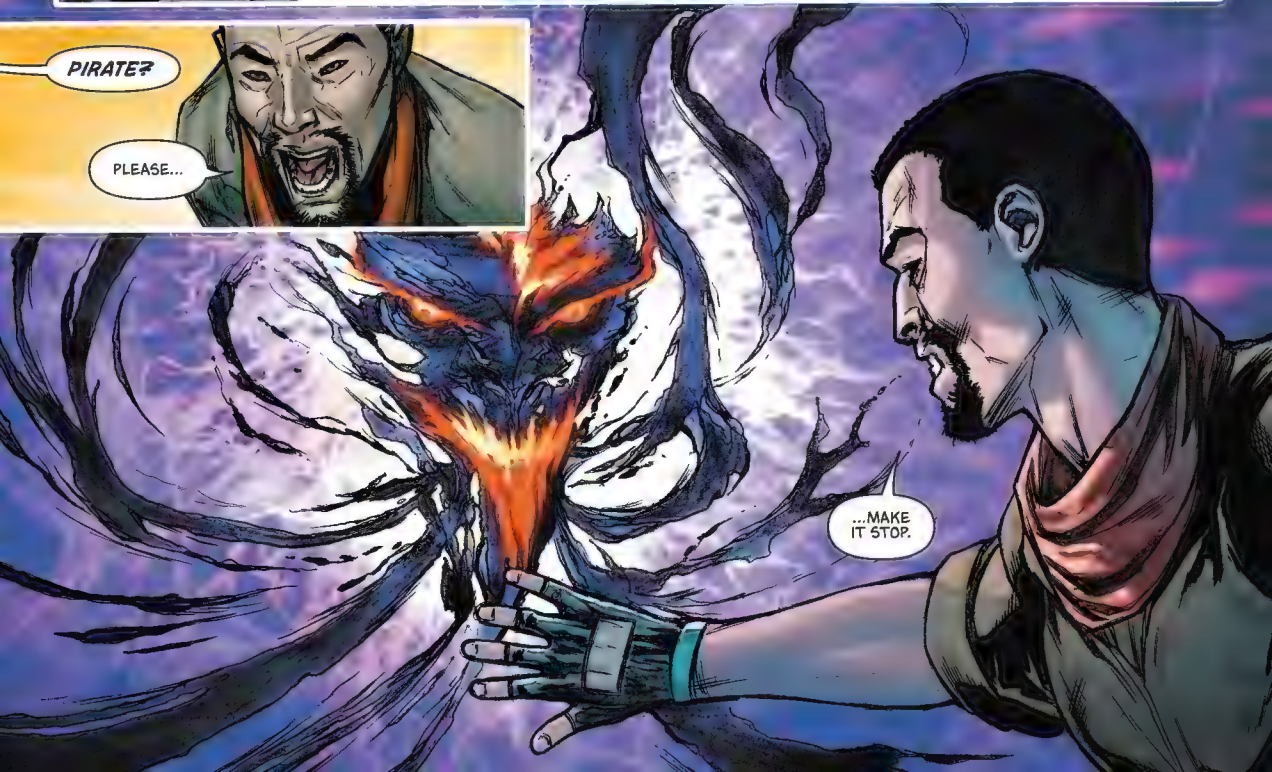
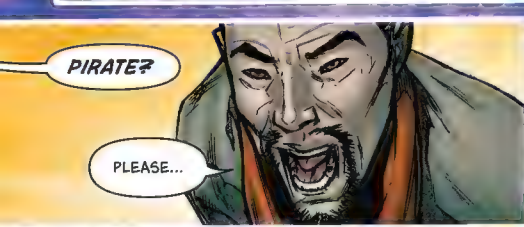
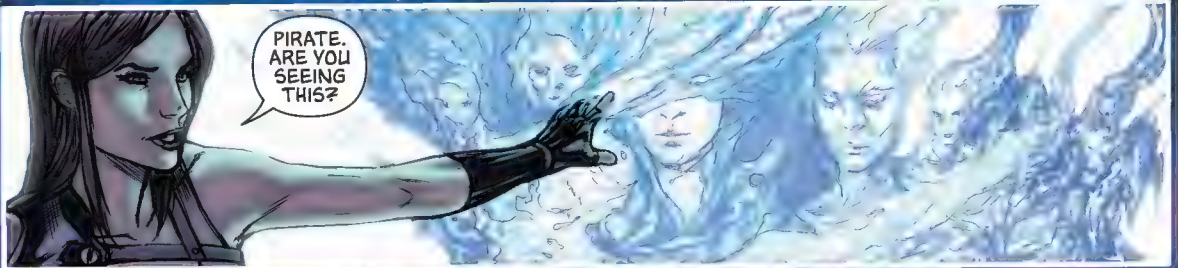
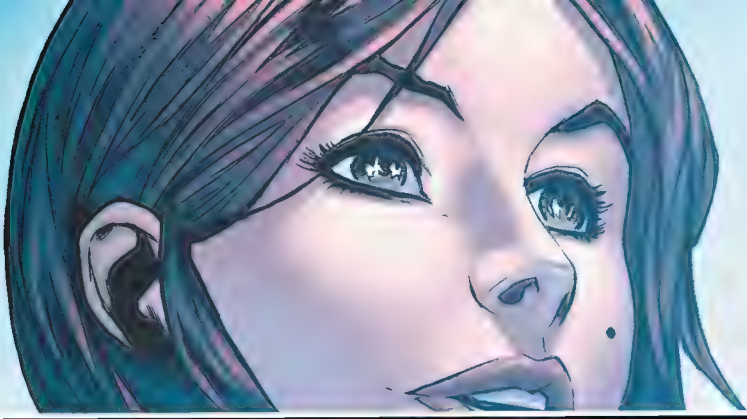
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WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? THIS
IS AMAZING.



I CAN...
ALMOST...
TOUCH
THEM.



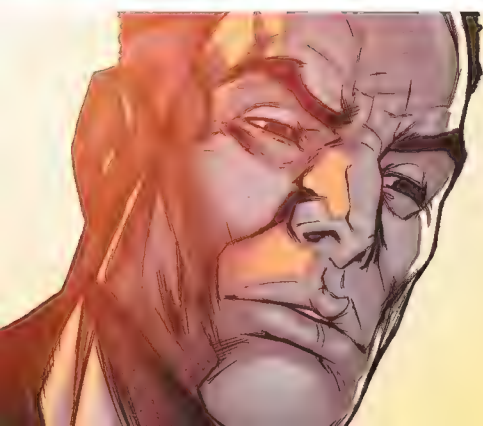
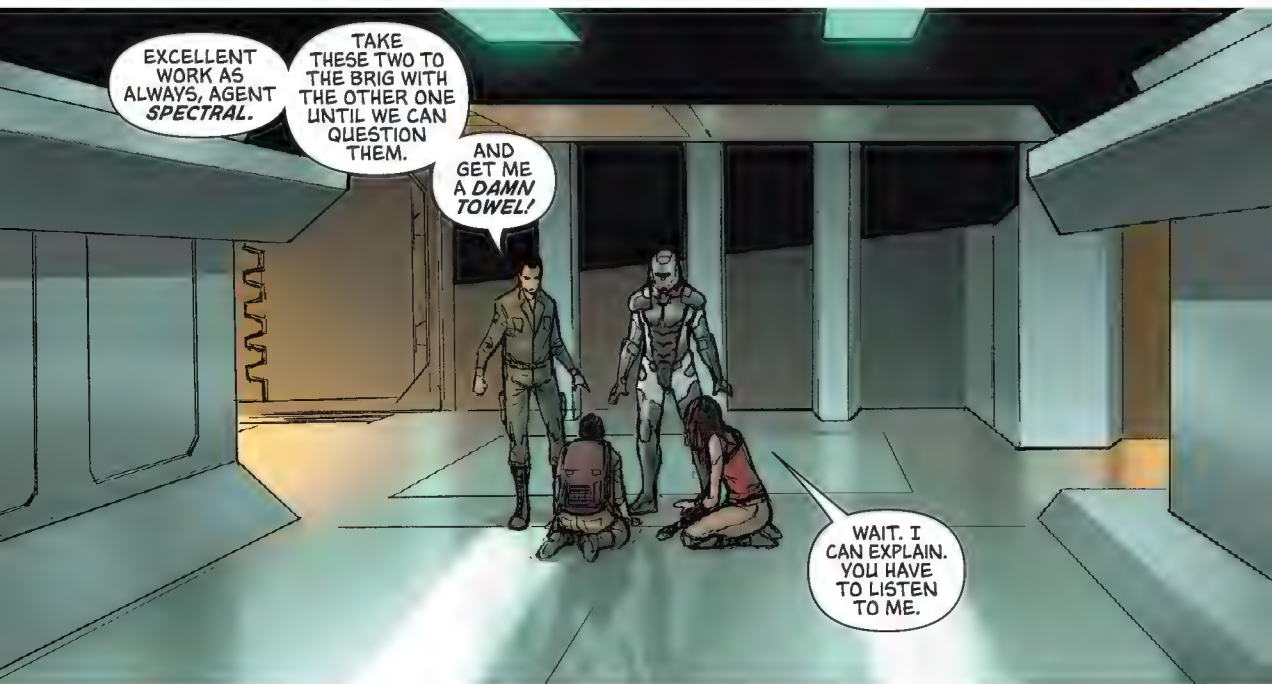
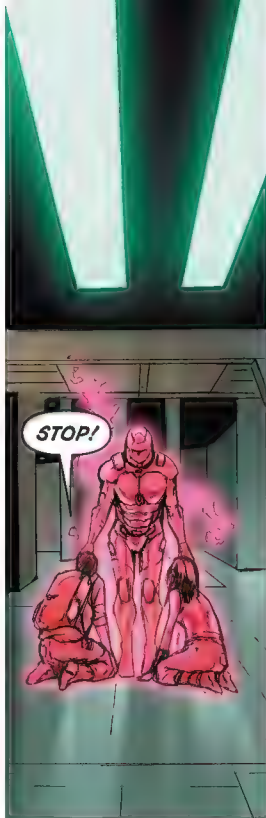
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PLEASE...



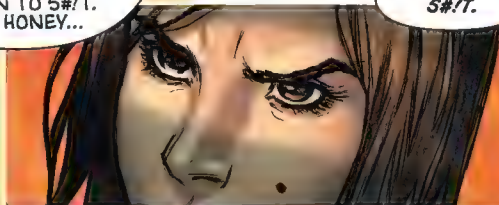
INCREDIBLE.



I CAN'T
TAKE IT.
STOP. JUST
MAKE IT--



MISS, I AM THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE LAST BASTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY MIGHT STILL STANDING WEST OF THE ROCKIES. I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO S#T UNTIL I WANT TO LISTEN TO S#T. AND, HONEY...



...YOU AIN'T S#T.

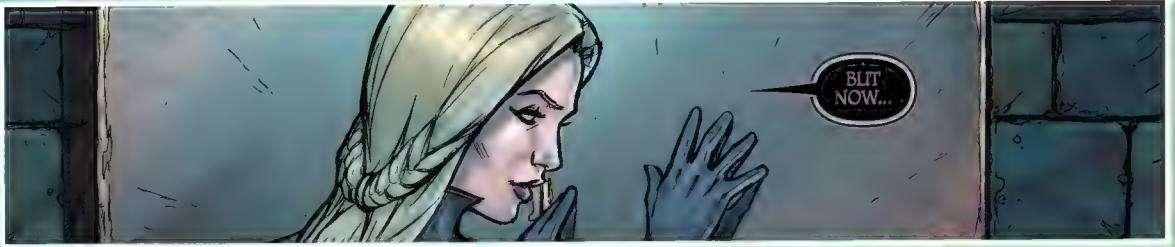


AT
LAST, WE
ARE FINALLY
HOME.



HOW MUCH TIME HAS
PASSED SINCE HE
BANISHED US FROM
THIS LAND?

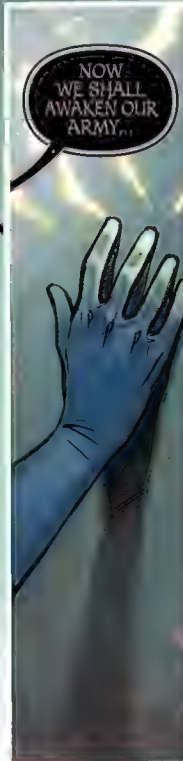
EONS
SPENT ROAMING
THE HEAVENS—
HOMELESS,
PURPOSELESS.



BUT
NOW...



NOW
WE SHALL
RECLAIM WHAT
IS RIGHTFULLY
OURS.



NOW
WE SHALL
AWAKEN OUR
ARMY...



...AND
FREE OUR
KING!



DISSENTERS!
YOUR CLAIM TO
THIS WORLD IS
NULL BY DECREE
OF THE
ALMIGHTY!

**THE
WATCH HAS
AWOKEN!**



THEY SOON
WILL BE OF NO
CONSEQUENCE.

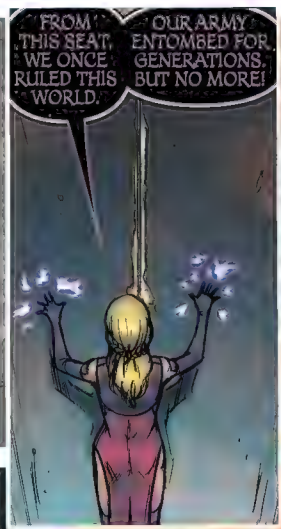
YOU NEED
ONLY BUY ME A
FEW MOMENTS
TO OPEN THE
DOORS.

BARALECH--



THEY
SHALL NOT
IMPEDE US,
MY QUEEN.

NOT THIS
TIME.



FROM
THIS SEAT,
WE ONCE
RULED THIS
WORLD.

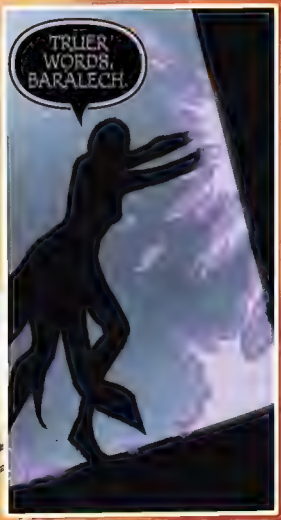
OUR ARMY
ENTOMBED FOR
GENERATIONS,
BUT NO MORE!



YOU
WILL PAY
FOR THAT
WITH YOUR
LIVES.



LET
US FINALLY
END THIS--END
THEM--ONCE
AND FOR
ALL.



TRUER
WORDS,
BARALECH.

"YES, THERE
YOU ARE MY
CHILDREN."

"THE FRUITS OF
OUR LOVE...AND
OF OUR HATE!"

"NOW,
AWAKEN."

"AWAKEN MY
GRAVEBORN
CHILDREN."

IF ONLY OUR
SISTER WERE
HERE.

Ah, YES.
THE THIRD
MEMBER OF
THE WATCH.

I RECALL
HER FLYING BACK
HOME TO PARADISE
WHILE YOU WERE
LEFT TO ROT IN
YOUR STONE
COCOONS.

LIAR!

ANGELS!
YOU HAVE
FOUGHT
WELL.

BUT,
YOUR DUTY
TO GUARD
THIS WORLD
FROM OUR
TRUMPHANT
RETURN...



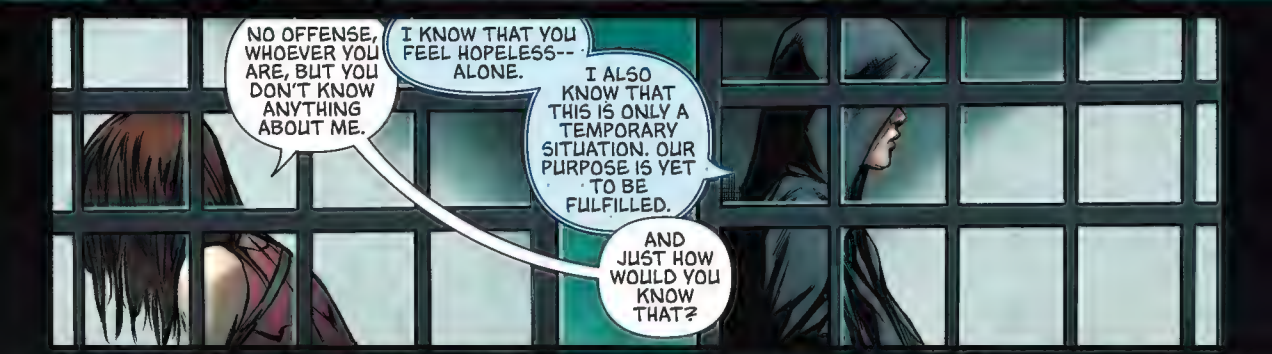
...MUST GO UNFULFILLED!



HERE,
THEN ALASKA.
BUT WHY HERE?
JUST SO I CAN GET
CAUGHT?

STUPID
F**KING BRAIN.
STUPID F**KING
GIRL. STUPID
F**KING GIFT.

HARSH
WORDS FROM
ONE WITH SO
MUCH LEFT
TO DO.



NO OFFENSE,
WHOEVER YOU
ARE, BUT YOU
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT ME.

I KNOW THAT YOU
FEEL HOPELESS--
ALONE.

I ALSO
KNOW THAT
THIS IS ONLY A
TEMPORARY
SITUATION. OUR
PURPOSE IS YET
TO BE
FULFILLED.

AND
JUST HOW
WOULD YOU
KNOW
THAT?



IT IS
GOD'S
WILL.

Hmmph.
NEVER MUCH
BELIEVED IN
GOD. NOT
SINCE...

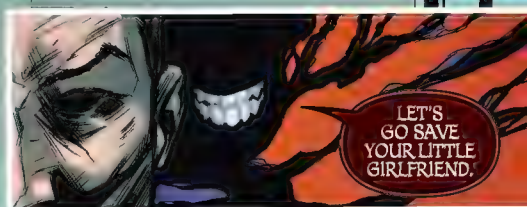
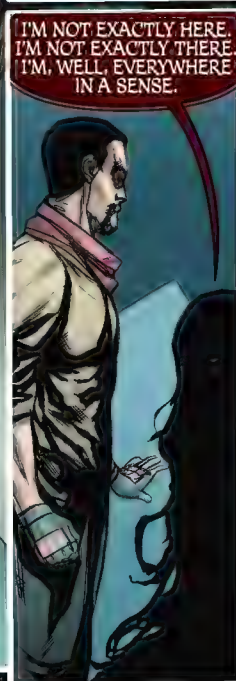
IN
THAT CHURCH,
WHEN YOUR
POWER FIRST
MANIFESTED
ITSELF.



HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?



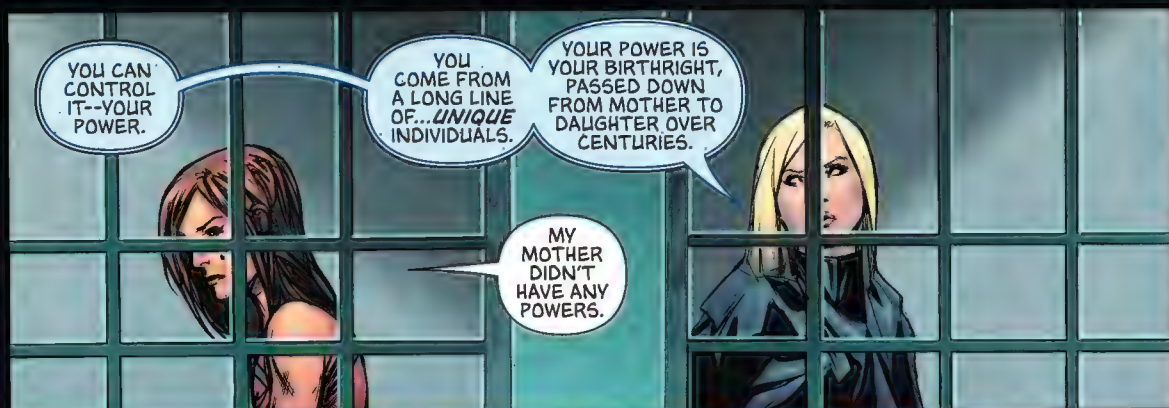
BECAUSE
I, TOO, KNOW
WHAT IT IS
LIKE TO LOSE
FAITH.





"THE SISTERS. THE BEAST. THE MATRON IS INSIDE. THEY'RE SHORT A MAN."





YOU CAN
CONTROL
IT--YOUR
POWER.

YOU
COME FROM
A LONG LINE
OF...*UNIQUE*
INDIVIDUALS.

YOUR POWER IS
YOUR BIRTHRIGHT,
PASSED DOWN
FROM MOTHER TO
DAUGHTER OVER
CENTURIES.

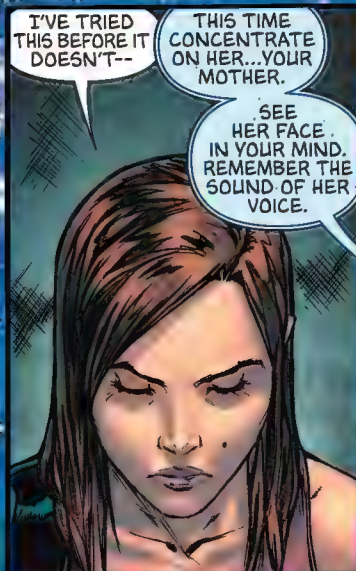
MY
MOTHER
DIDN'T
HAVE ANY
POWERS.



EVERY DESCENDANT
HAS THE SEED OF THIS
ABILITY WITHIN THEM.
IT EMERGES WHEN IT'S
MOST NEEDED. WHEN
HE NEEDS IT TO.

WAIT.
WHEN WHO
NEEDS
IT--

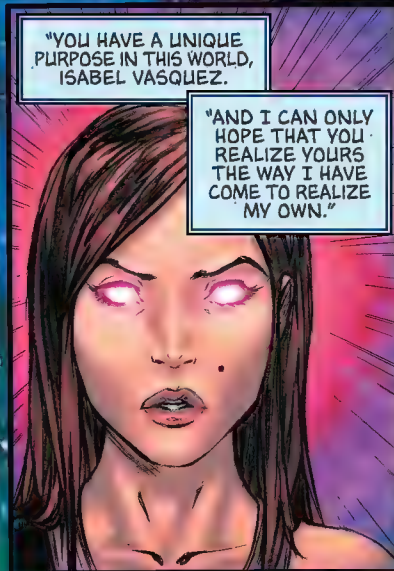
--JUST CLOSE
YOUR EYES AND
CONCENTRATE.



I'VE TRIED
THIS BEFORE IT
DOESN'T--

THIS TIME
CONCENTRATE
ON HER...YOUR
MOTHER.

SEE
HER FACE
IN YOUR MIND.
REMEMBER THE
SOUND OF HER
VOICE.



"YOU HAVE A UNIQUE
PURPOSE IN THIS WORLD,
ISABEL VASQUEZ.

"AND I CAN ONLY
HOPE THAT YOU
REALIZE YOURS
THE WAY I HAVE
COME TO REALIZE
MY OWN."



WHOA.



THI...
THIS ISN'T
DELPHI'S
CELL.

ALL IN DUE
TIME, YOU HAVE A
GREATER PURPOSE
RIGHT NOW. AND I'M
HERE TO HELP YOU
REALIZE IT.



THAT SYNDICATE
OF FOOLS THINK THEY
CAN USE THEIR
REJECT GOD AND HIS
CHINESE PUPPETS TO
TAKE MY WORLD
FROM ME.

BUT WE
HAVE SOMETHING
STRONGER. DON'T
WE, MY BOY? WE
HAVE LOVE.



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+X1 Columbia-class
Trident II D5LE
Nuclear payload

YOU LOVE
HER. DON'T YOU?
YOUR LITTLE
COMPANION?

YE...
YES.



AND YOU'RE GOING TO
SAVE HER--PUT AN END TO
THIS COMING WAR SHE
FEELS SO DESPERATE
TO END.

I...I
AM?

YES.
BESIDES, WHY
SHOULD YOU BOTH
RISK EVERYTHING
FOR HER LITTLE
DREAMS--



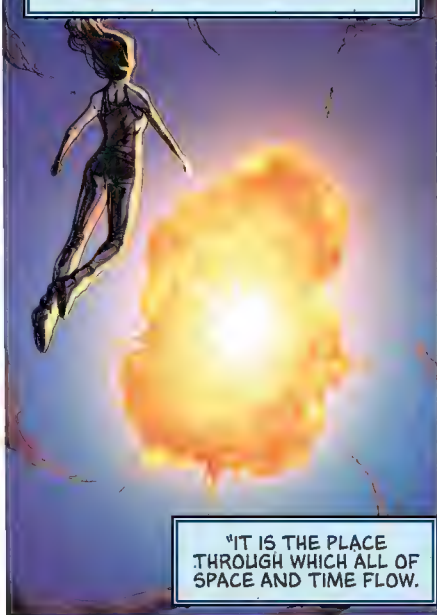
--WHEN WE CAN SIMPLY
ELIMINATE THE VERY
THING THAT SHE
FEARS MOST.

YOU'LL BE
HER HERO. AND
WHO DOESN'T
LOVE A HERO?
NOW--



LET'S USE
THOSE COMPUTER
SKILLS OF YOURS
FOR A GREATER
PURPOSE.

"YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE BECAUSE
YOUR MIND CAN EXIST IN THE SPACE
BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT.

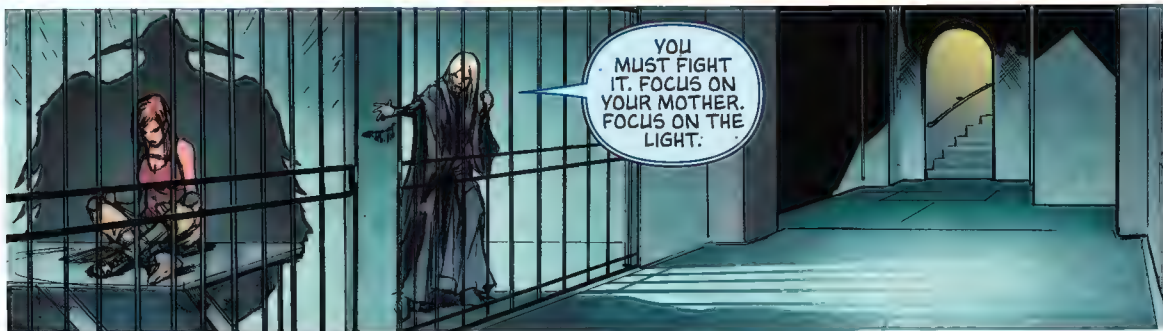


"IT IS THE PLACE
THROUGH WHICH ALL OF
SPACE AND TIME FLOW.

"ONLY HUMAN
SOULS CAN
ENDURE THIS
EXPOSURE AS
THEY TRAVEL
TO THE NEXT
WORLD. IT IS
NOT A PLACE
MEANT FOR
THE LIVING."



IT...IT'S
TOO STRONG!
IT WANTS
ME...NO, IT'S
TAKING ME...
OH, GOD!



YOU
MUST FIGHT
IT. FOCUS ON
YOUR MOTHER.
FOCUS ON THE
LIGHT.

"THE LIGHT WILL GUIDE
YOU--PROTECT YOU--
BUT YOU MUST TRUST IT.



"MAKE IT
YOUR OWN."





THE
PORTAL...



...IT'S BEEN
OPENED!

FOOLS!
THEY THOUGHT
THEY COULD KEEP
ME--KEEP US--
HERE IN
SHACKLES?



YOU WILL
MOVE IN YOUR
ARMIES. YOU WILL
WIPE OUT THEIR
BROOD OF BEASTLY
"CHILDREN" AND THE
DESCENDANT!



I WILL
GET YOU YOUR
ANGEL. AND, ONCE
YOU ARE FREED AND
THE DUST SETTLES,
IT IS WE WHO WILL
SEE THEM IN
CHAINS.

THE EARTH
WILL BE OUR
BANQUET.



AND
ARCLAH'S
SKULL WILL
BE MY
CHALICE!

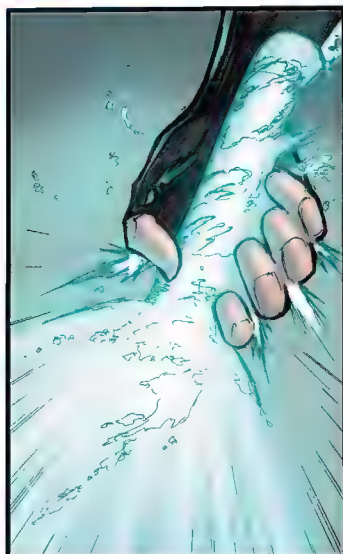


WHAT. THE
HELL. WAS
THAT?!



YOU'VE TAKEN
THE FIRST STEP IN
TRULY UNLOCKING
YOUR POTENTIAL--
YOUR PURPOSE.

WE ALL
HAVE A PURPOSE.
MINE WAS TO STOP
THOSE THAT WOULD
BRING HARM TO THIS
WORLD.



I THOUGHT
THAT MEANT
FIGHTING. BUT I
NOW KNOW THAT
IT WAS TO FIND
YOU.

YEAH? SO
WHAT'S MY
PURPOSE?

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?



YOU'RE GOING
TO STOP THE
END OF THE
WORLD.

RIGHT.
Um...?

SARAVATI.

REALLY?
WOW. OKAY,
BUT UNLESS
JAILBREAKS
ARE ALSO PART
OF YOUR
PURPOSE--

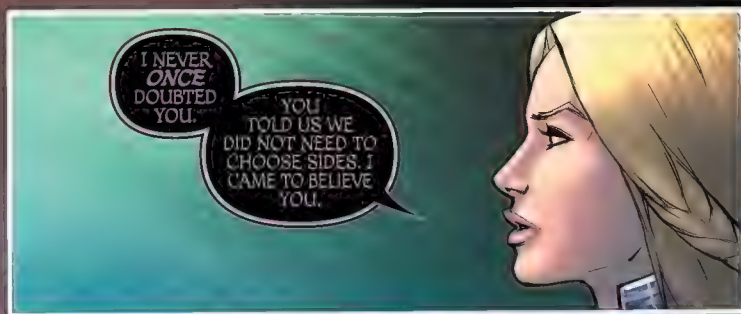


ACTUALLY, I
SUPPOSE YOU
COULD SAY
THEY ARE.



THERE'S
ONE MORE WE
YET NEED TO
FREE.

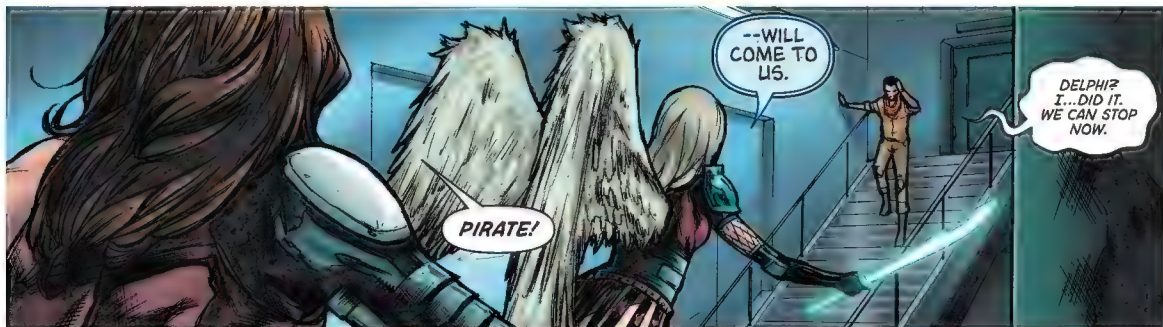
SHALL
WE?





WE
NEED TO GET
BACK TO THE
CELLBLOCK AND
FIND HIM.

NO
NEED. I HAVE
A FEELING
THAT HE--



PIRATE!

--WILL
COME TO
US.

DELPHI?
I...DID IT.
WE CAN STOP
NOW.



WE
DON'T
HAVE TO
GO...

WHATEVER.
WE'VE GOT HIM
NOW. WE CAN
LEAVE.

HE WASN'T
THE ONE WE
NEEDED TO
FREE.



HE IS.



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?

NOW--



LET'S
GET YOU TO
ALASKA.

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WELL
AIN'T THAT
A SIGHT FOR
SORE, SLIGHTLY
INEBRIATED
EYES.

WELCOME
BACK, *SARAVATI*.
LOOKS LIKE
EVERYTHING
WORKED OUT
JUST FINE.

HYURKI!



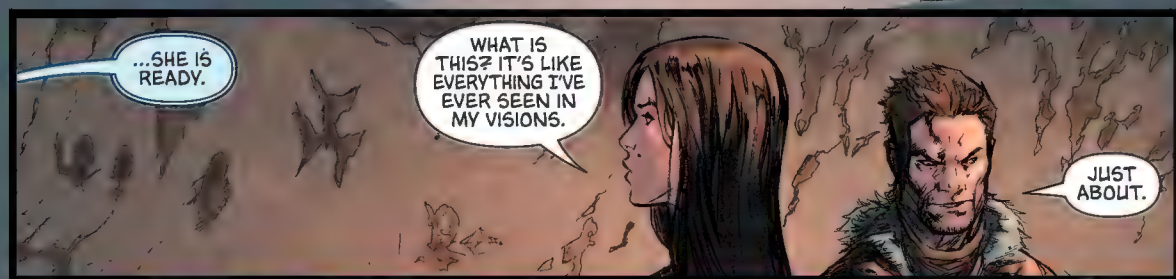
WELL,
ALMOST.

THEY
WERE THERE--
ALL OF THEM--
JUST AS YOU
SAID.

DID WE
MAKE IT IN
TIME?

JUST.

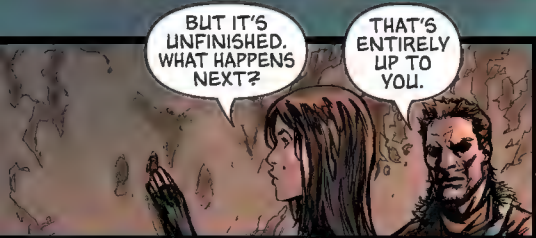
THEN LET
US NOT SPARE
A MOMENT. THE
DESCENDANT...



...SHE IS
READY.

WHAT IS
THIS? IT'S LIKE
EVERYTHING I'VE
EVER SEEN IN
MY VISIONS.

JUST
ABOUT.



BUT IT'S
UNFINISHED.
WHAT HAPPENS
NEXT?

THAT'S
ENTIRELY
UP TO
YOU.



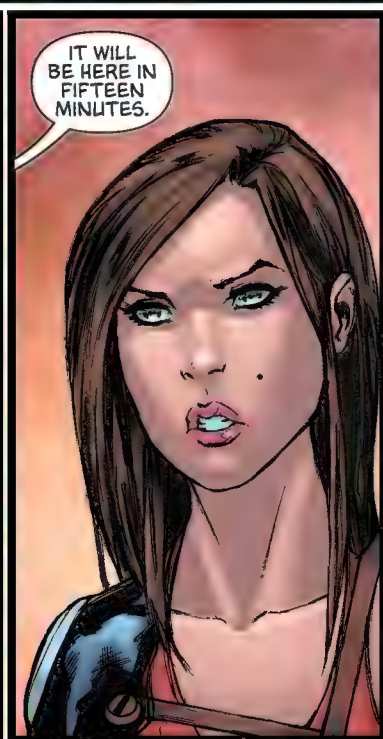
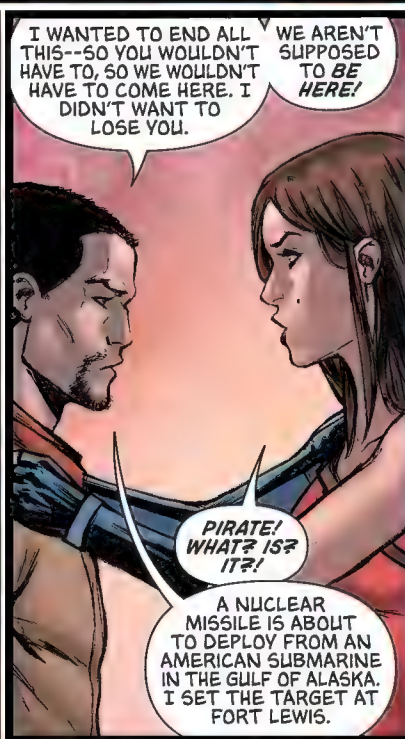
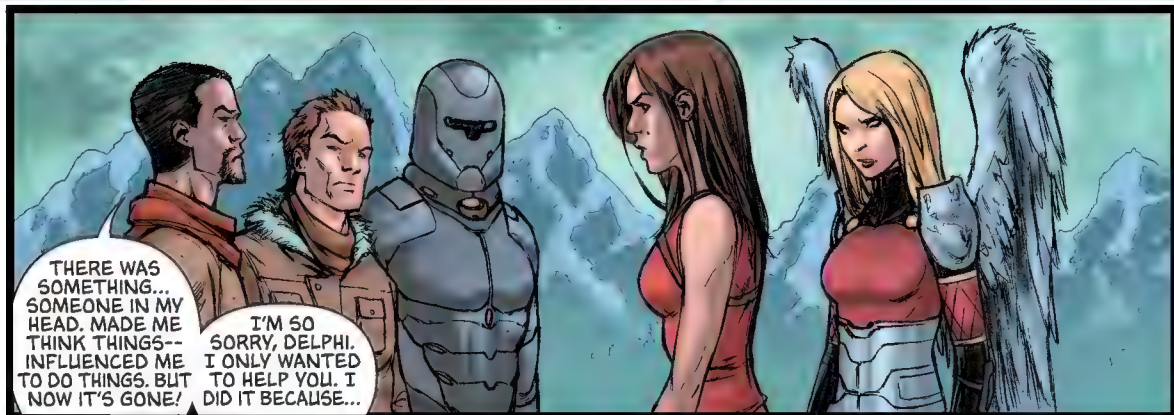
BUT I'M
HOPIN' IT HAS
SOMETHING TO
DO WITH STOPPING
THESE UNGODLY
BEASTS BEFORE
THEY GET TO
WHAT THEY'RE
AFTER.

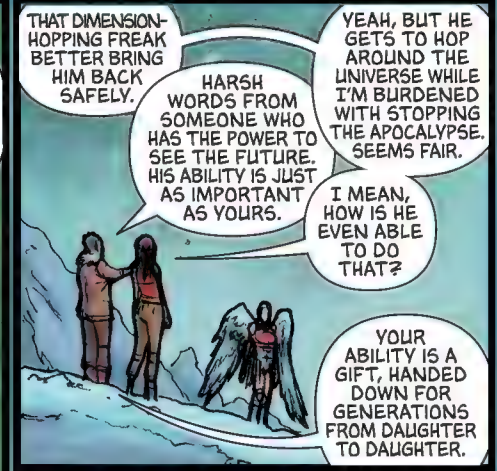
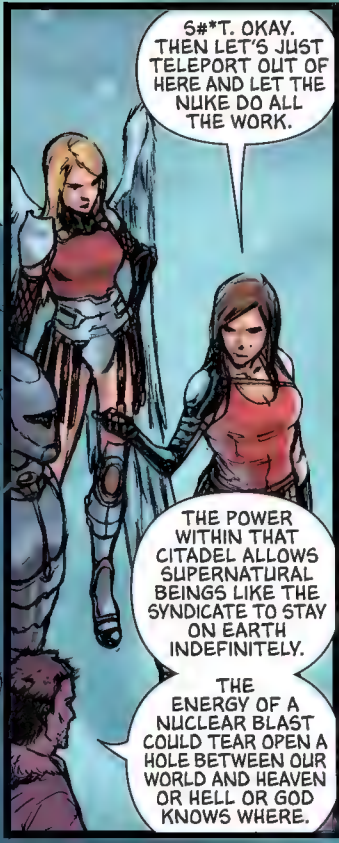
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IS?

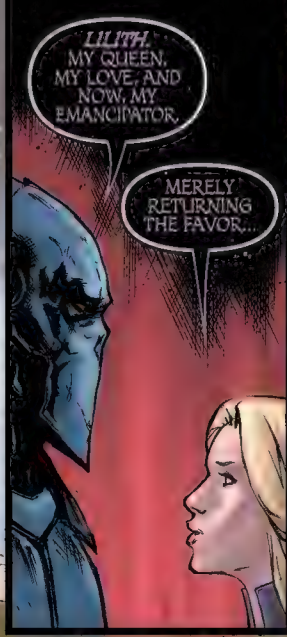
Oh, YOU
KNOW. THE
ENSLAVEMENT OF
MANKIND. DOMINATION
OF THE WORLD. IT'S
THEIR WAY OF TURNING
UP THE TIMETABLE ON
ARMAGEDDON TO
TIP IT IN THEIR
FAVOR.



I'M
JUST GLAD
YOU *FINALLY*
SHOWED UP TO
STOP IT.





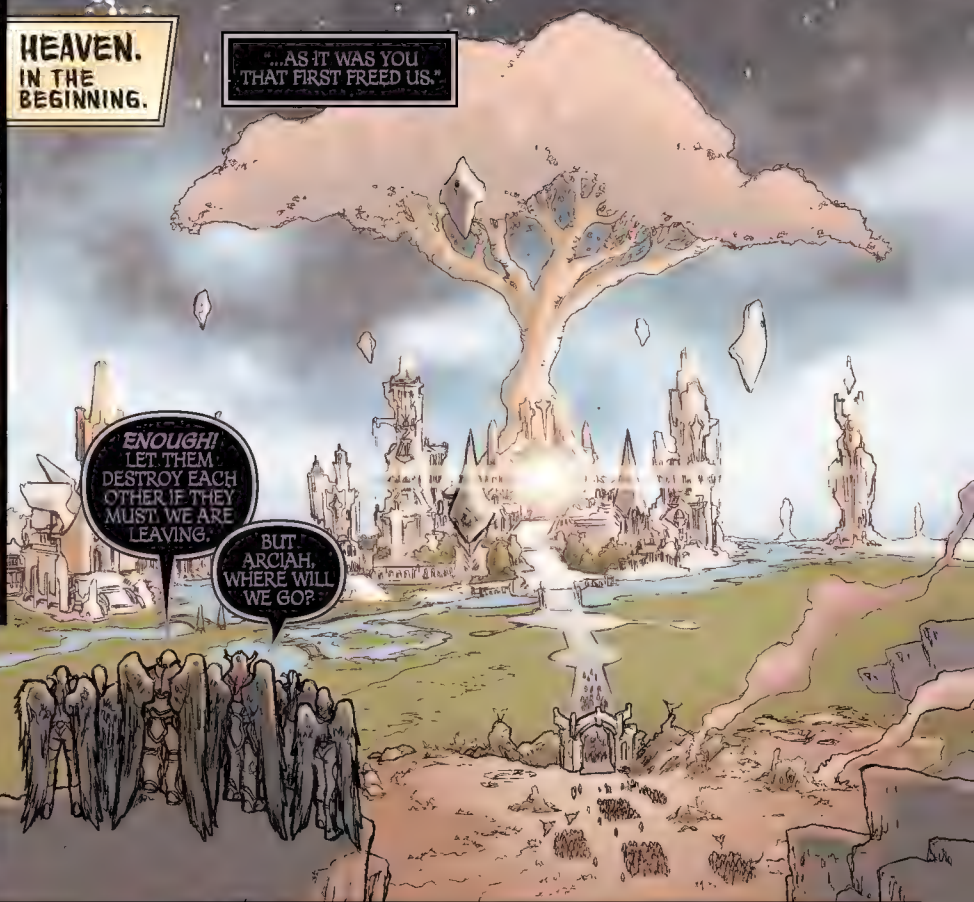


LILITH.
MY QUEEN,
MY LOVE, AND
NOW, MY
EMANCIPATOR.

MERELY
RETURNING
THE FAVOR...

HEAVEN.
IN THE
BEGINNING.

...AS IT WAS YOU
THAT FIRST FREED US."



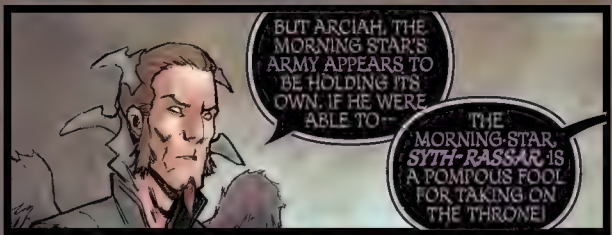
ENOUGH!
LET THEM
DESTROY EACH
OTHER IF THEY
MUST. WE ARE
LEAVING.

BUT
ARCIAH,
WHERE WILL
WE GO?

HE
CREATED AN
ENTIRE WORLD FOR
THE HUMANS WHERE
THEY LIVE IN PEACE
WHILE WE TEAR
EACH OTHER
APART.

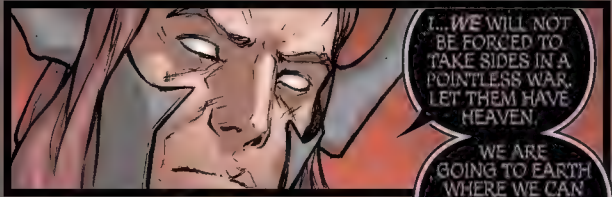


PERHAPS IT IS TIME
WE SEE WHAT THEIR
PARADISE LOOKS LIKE
WHILE OUR BRETHREN
DESTROY OURS.



BUT ARCIAH, THE
MORNING STAR'S
ARMY APPEARS TO
BE HOLDING ITS
OWN. IF HE WERE
ABLE TO--

THE
MORNING-STAR,
SYTH-RASSAR, IS
A POMPUS FOOL
FOR TAKING ON
THE THRONE!

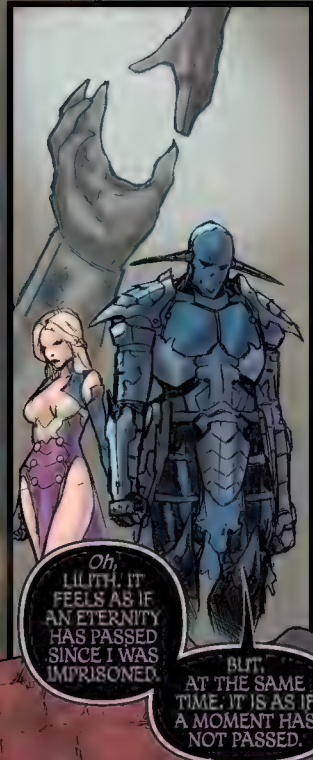
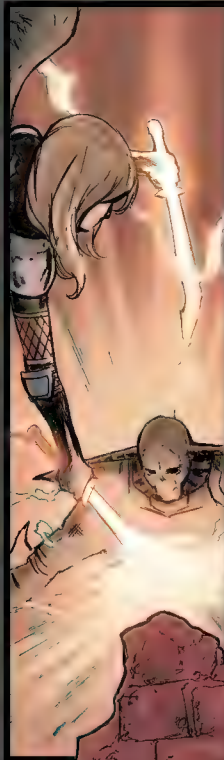
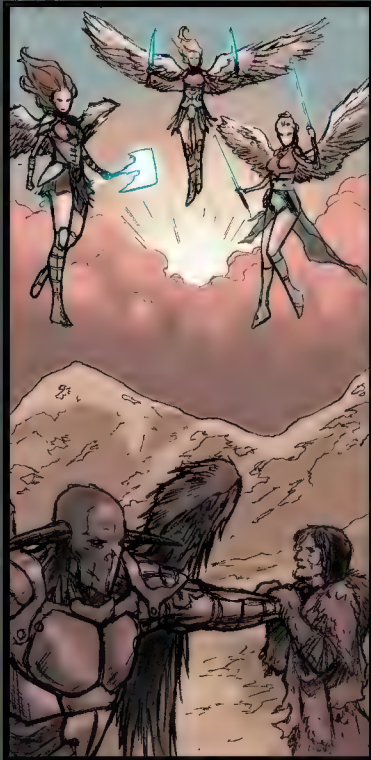
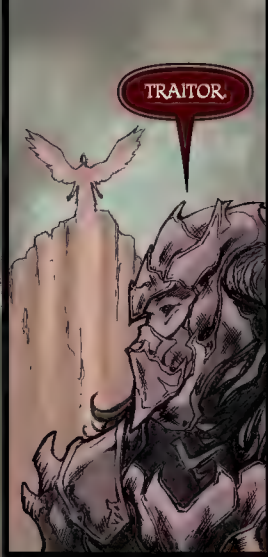


I...WE WILL NOT
BE FORCED TO
TAKE SIDES IN A
POINTLESS WAR.
LET THEM HAVE
HEAVEN.

WE ARE
GOING TO EARTH
WHERE WE CAN
FORGE OUR OWN
PATH, AND RULE
IT AS WE SEE
FIT.



AND DAMN
ANYTHING THAT
STANDS IN OUR
WAY.





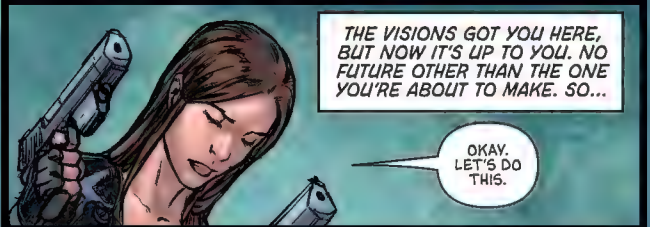
ALRIGHT, DELPHI. SO, YOU MADE IT TO ALASKA TO STOP A BAND OF FALLEN ANGELS THAT WANT TO START THE APOCALYPSE.

YOU'VE GOT TWO PISTOLS, SIX MAGAZINES AND SOME GOD-LIKE POWER TO SEE THE FUTURE...AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE.

AND YOUR ONLY ALLY JUST MIGHT BE YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL.

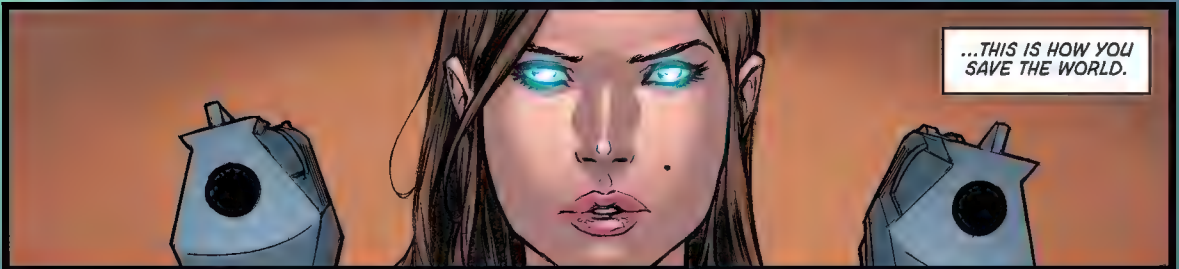
STAY CALM AND FOCUS LIKE WE PRACTICED. YOU ARE A CHANNEL FOR ENERGY FROM OUTSIDE OF THIS WORLD.

DO NOT FORCE IT-- LET IT FLOW THROUGH YOU.



THE VISIONS GOT YOU HERE, BUT NOW IT'S UP TO YOU. NO FUTURE OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU'RE ABOUT TO MAKE. SO...

OKAY. LET'S DO THIS.



...THIS IS HOW YOU SAVE THE WORLD.

THE GULF OF ALASKA.



Oh,
GOD. EVERY...
ungh...DAMN
TIME.

TELE-
PORTING...
FEELS LIKE
SOMETHING'S
TRYING TO PULL
MY BRAIN
APART.



S#*T.



I SHOULD...ungh...BE
ABLE TO ACCESS THE
LAUNCH PROTOCOLS
FROM ANYWHERE
ON THE SHIP.

STEP AWAY
FROM THE
MONITOR.
NOW!



YOU, DROP YOU WEAPON
AND TELL ME JUST HOW
THE HELL YOU GOT
ABOARD MY SUB.

LISTEN--
~koffe~
~koffe~

YOU HAVE
A TRIDENT II
MISSILE WITH A
NUCLEAR PAYLOAD
SET TO LAUNCH ON
MAINLAND ALASKA
IN TEN MINUTES.
I WANT TO
STOP IT.

HOW?
WHY?



BECAUSE
I'M--~koffe~
~koffe~

I'M THE ONE
WHO SET IT TO
LAUNCH.

SPECTRAL,
YOU'VE GOT TO
GET TO DELPHI.
GET HER OUT OF
THERE. I--~koffe~
~koffe~

I CAN'T
HANDLE
ANOTHER
JUMP WITH
YOU.



SHE NEEDS YOU
THERE--~koffe~
~koffe~

I'LL DO
WHAT I CAN
HERE. JUST
GO!

NOW, MR.
NAVY MAN,
SIR...



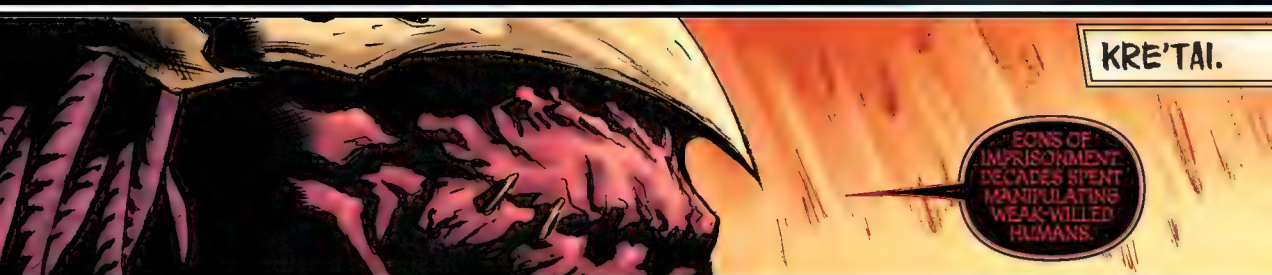
...ABOUT
THAT
MISSILE.



ENSIGN! REPORT ON ALL SCHEDULED MISSILE LAUNCHES, NOW!

BUT, SIR, THERE ARE NO LAUNCH ORDERS...WAIT A MINUTE.

WE'VE GOT ONE SET TO GO HOT IN FIVE MINUTES. BUT, HOW?



KRE'TAI.

YEONS OF IMPRISONMENT DECADES SPENT MANIPULATING WEAK-WILLED HUMANS.



CANCEL THAT LAUNCH.

I CAN'T. SOMEONE SET AN OVERRIDE PROTOCOL. I NEED A PASSWORD.

TRY D-E-L-P-H-I.



AAAAWWWWOOOOO GAAA

"AND FOR WHOM THOSE FALLEN TRAITORS? AND FOR WHAT? SO THEY CAN KILL THEIR OWN WORLD?"



THAT DID IT. THE LAUNCH ABORTED.

GOOD. NOW, SOMEONE GET OUR INTRUDER TO SICKBAY. I WANT HIM HEALTHY WHEN I QUESTION HIM.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S A POSSIBILITY SIR.



"BUT I AM THE PUPPETEER, AND THEIR WORLD IS MY STAGE."



S**T.

LIEUTENANT WE'VE GOT ANOTHER PROBLEM. IT'S THE CHINESE. THEY'VE DEPLOYED A FIGHTER SQUADRON...A BIG ONE.

WHERE ARE THEY HEADED?

ALASKA.

SEKMA.
MITHRA. IT IS GOOD
TO SEE YOU ONCE
MORE, DESPITE THE
CIRCUMSTANCES.

AND YOU
AS WELL,
SISTER.

SISTER?

WE THREE
WERE ONCE
CHARGED WITH
IMPRISONING THE
INTERLOPER IN HIS
GROTESQUE
CITADEL.

I JOURNEYED
THE GALAXY SEEKING
THE SYNDICATE
WHILE MY SISTERS
REMAINED HERE AS
SENTINELS, MAKING
SURE NONE COULD
ENTER...

...AND
THAT ARCIAH
COULD NOT
LEAVE.

YEAH, I'M
STILL NOT CLEAR
ON THAT PART. IF
HE'S IMPRISONED,
THEN WHAT'S
EVERYONE SO
WORRIED--

IT APPEARS
THAT WAR HAS
DARKENED OUR
DOOR ONCE
MORE.

HOW
LONG MUST
WE ENDURE SUCH
PERSECUTION
FROM ABOVE, MY
SISTERS...

...AND
BROTHER,
FOR TOO LONG
HAVE WE
FOUGHT...

...FOUGHT
TO BE FREE TO
CHOOSE OUR OWN
PATH. I NOW ASK
THAT YOU HAVE
FAITH IN ME ONCE
MORE...

...AND I
ASSURE
YOU THAT
TODAY...

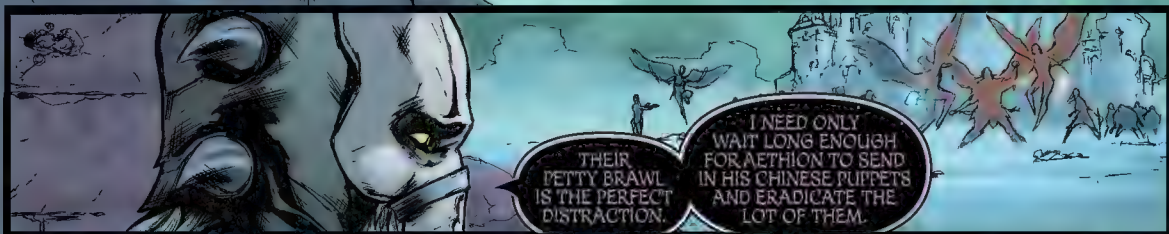


...THIS
WAR WILL
END!



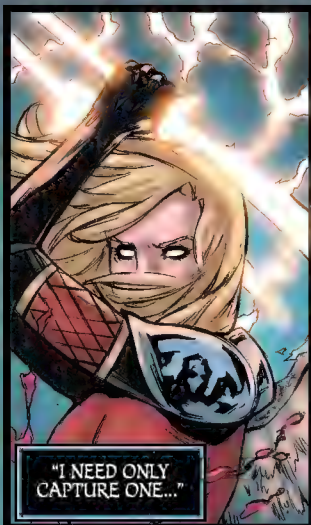
WE LOCKED YOU
AWAY AND DROVE
YOUR BAND OF
DISSIDENTERS FROM
THIS LAND ONCE
BEFORE.

WE WILL
DO IT
AGAIN!



THEIR
PETTY BRAWL
IS THE PERFECT
DISTRACTION.

I NEED ONLY
WAIT LONG ENOUGH
FOR AETHION TO SEND
IN HIS CHINESE PUPPETS
AND ERADICATE THE
LOT OF THEM.



"I NEED ONLY
CAPTURE ONE..."



... RETURN
IT TO AETHION
AND FREE HIS
BONDS. THEN WE
WILL RULE THIS
WORLD ATOP
ARCIAH'S...

...ASHES



"HELLO,
"BROTHER."



THIS ONE IS **ENDREYA**. SHE TAKES JOY IN SEDUCING HER ENEMIES AND EVisCERATING THEM--AND NOT ALWAYS IN THAT ORDER.

I SHALL PLAY YOU ALIVE AND FEED YOU YOUR OWN HIDE.

AND SHE'S ALL YOURS.

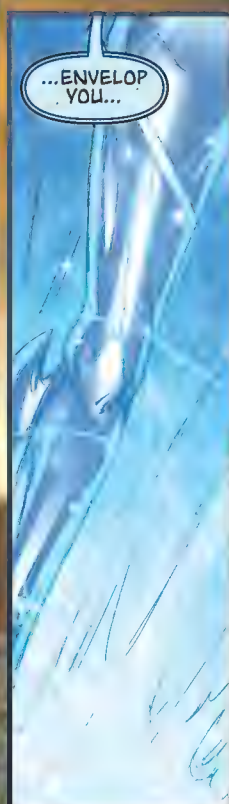
Oh, THANKS FOR THAT.

YOU CAN DO THIS.



REMEMBER THE PRISON CELL IN WASHINGTON.

REACH OUT TO THE OTHER SIDE. OPEN YOURSELF UP TO THE LIGHT AND LET IT COVER YOU...



...ENVELOP YOU...



...BAPTIZE YOU.



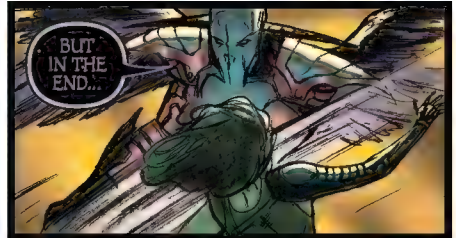
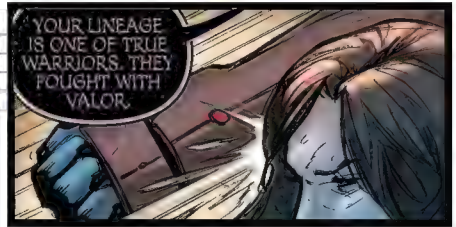
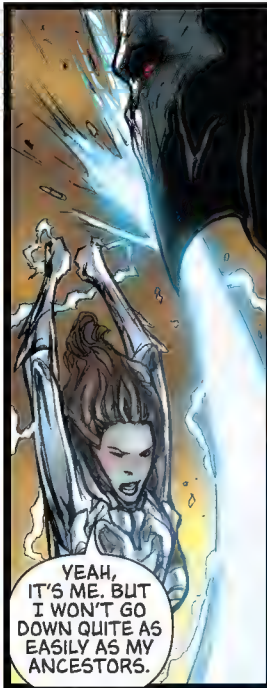
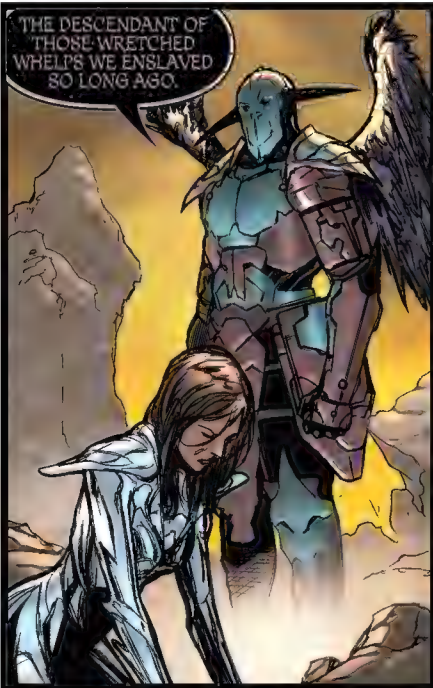
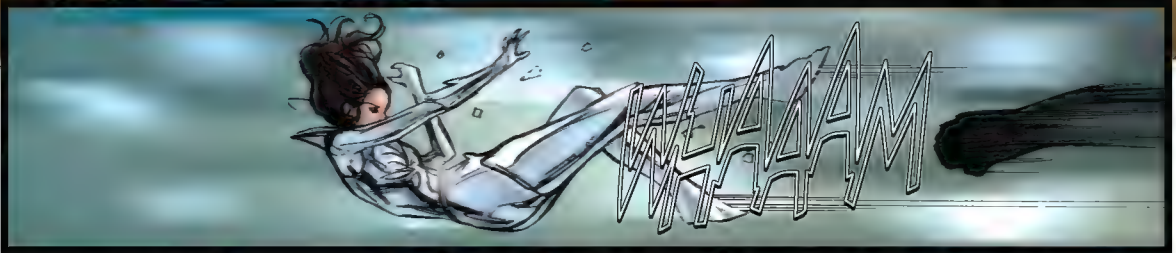
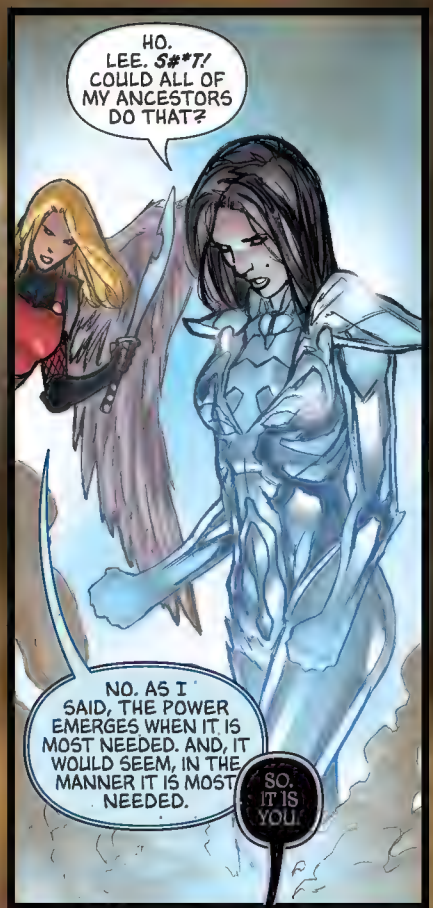
MURDER YOU!

THEN FOCUS...



...AND STRIKE!

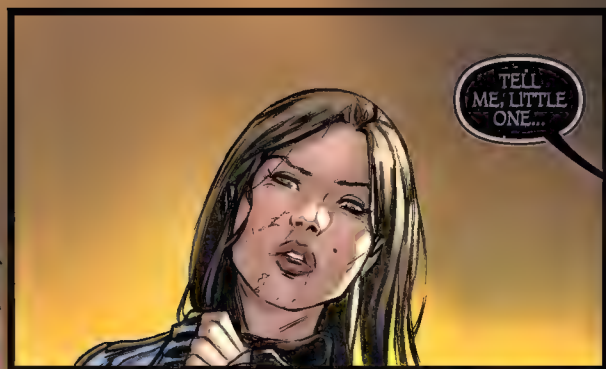
GOT IT.





...THEY FELL
LIKE ALL THE
REST.

YOU
CAN SEE THE
FUTURE, CAN
YOU NOT?



TELL
ME, LITTLE
ONE...



...WHEN YOU
LOOKED INTO
THE FUTURE,
WHAT DID YOUR
VISIONS SHOW
YOU?

DID YOU SEE
ANY OF THIS
COMING?

IF YOU
TRULY ARE
THE DESCENDANT,
THEN TELL
ME...



...HOW
DOES THIS
END?

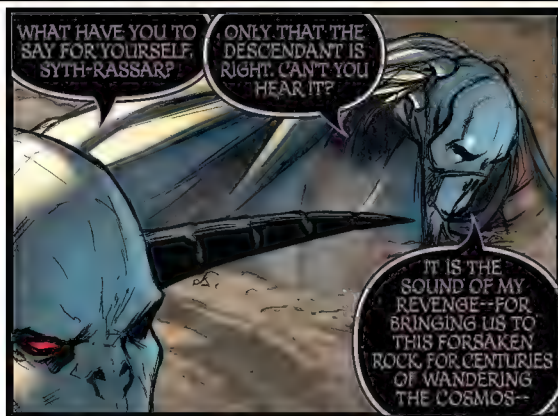
I...I SEE
YOU...ungh...
ALL OF YOU...
BURIED AT THE
BOTTOM OF
THIS VALLEY.



I BELIEVE THE
POWER OF YOUR
PERCEPTIONS
WANES WITH
YOUR
STRENGTH.

BARALECH,
WHAT SPOILS OF
BATTLE DO YOU
BEAR?

A TRAITOR.
HE SOUGHT TO
BETRAY US TO THE
MORNING STAR IN
HEAVEN, AND
SEEKS TO DO
SO AGAIN.



WHAT HAVE YOU TO
SAY FOR YOURSELF,
SYTH-RASSAR?

ONLY THAT THE
DESCENDANT IS
RIGHT. CAN'T YOU
HEAR IT?

IT IS THE
SOUND OF MY
REVENGE--FOR
BRINGING US TO
THIS FORSAKEN
ROCK, FOR CENTURIES
OF WANDERING
THE COSMOS--



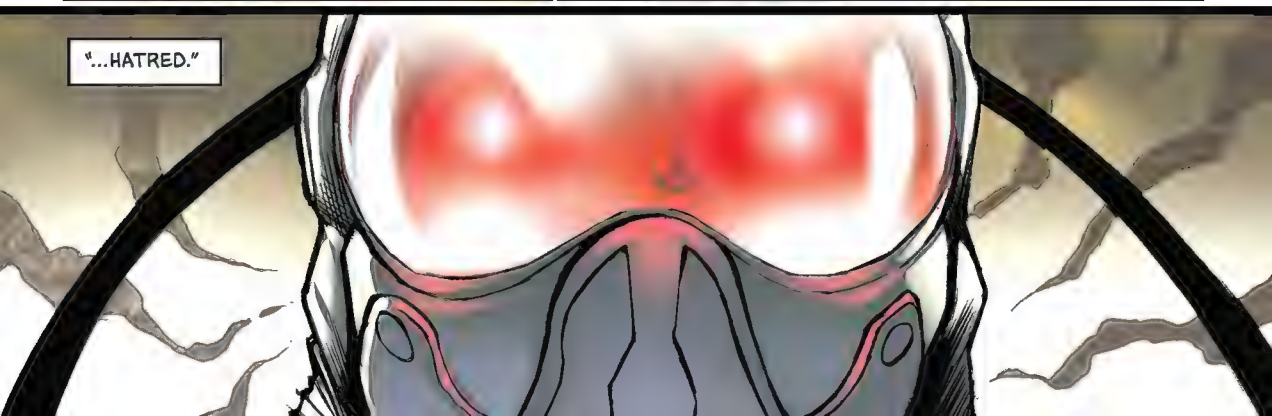
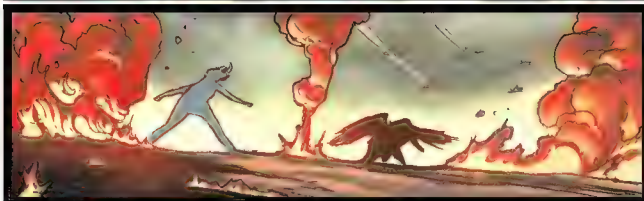
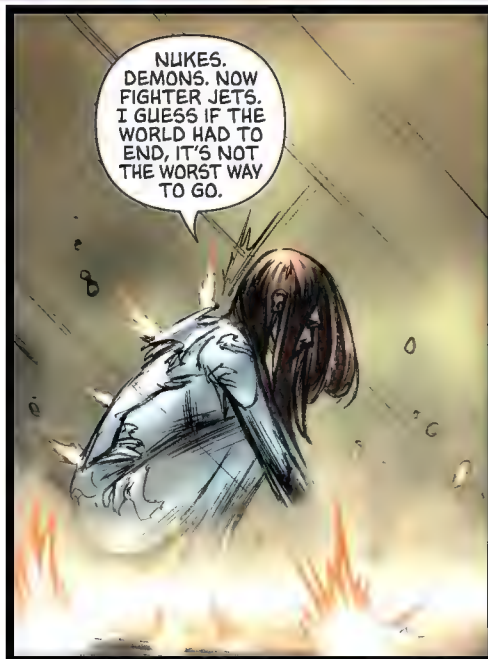
--FOR TAKING
THAT WHICH I
LOVE MOST.



IT IS THE
TERRIBLE,
SWIFT SWORD
OF JUSTICE...

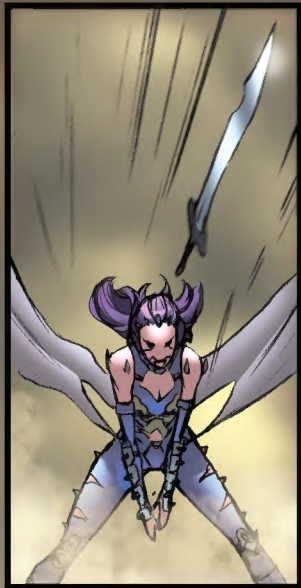


...AND IT
IS COMING
JUST FOR
YOU.





WAR.



PRIMAL.

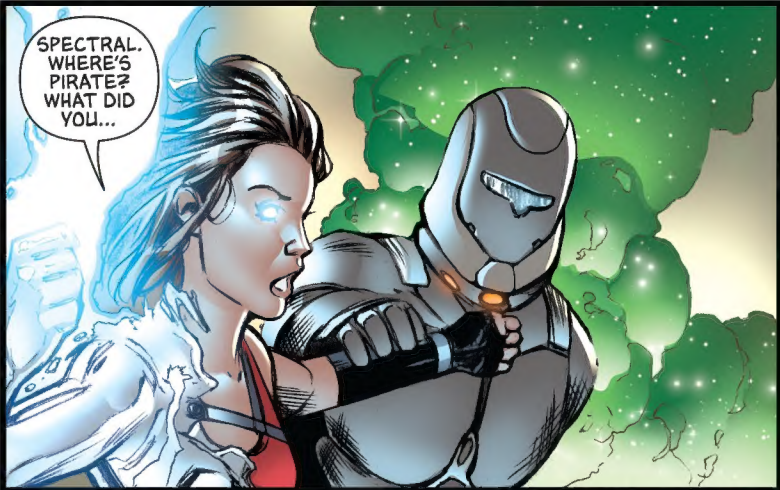
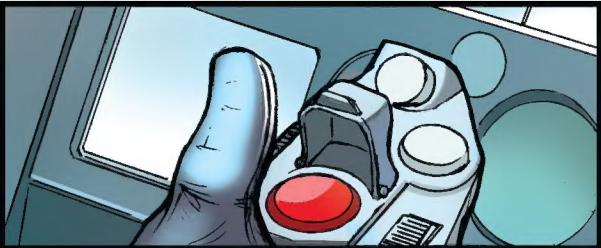


VISIONS OR NOT...



...I CAN STILL TAKE THESE SONS OF BITCHES DOWN.

INEVITABLE.



SPECTRAL. WHERE'S PIRATEZ WHAT DID YOU...



...DO?

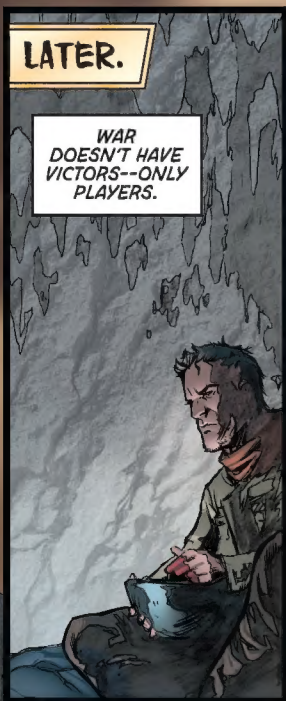
ETERNAL.



NO.

LATER.

WAR
DOESN'T HAVE
VICTORS--ONLY
PLAYERS.



VILLAINS.



HEROES.



WHERE IS
HE? WHY DID
YOU LEAVE
HIM?

MA'AM.

VICTIMS.



HE TOLD ME
EVERYTHING
BEFORE
HE...I'M SO
SORRY.

THERE.
FINISHED.

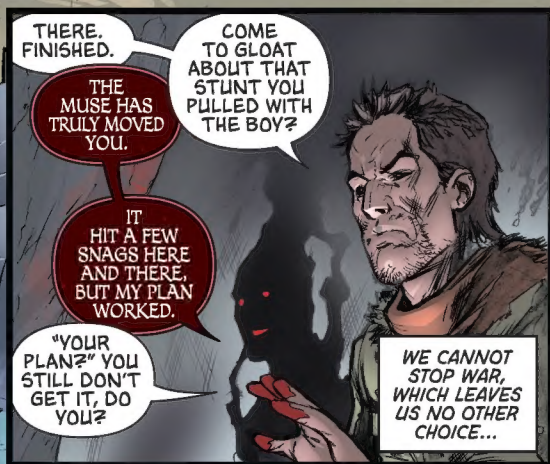
THE
MUSE HAS
TRULY MOVED
YOU.

IT
HIT A FEW
SNAGS HERE
AND THERE,
BUT MY PLAN
WORKED.

"YOUR
PLAN?" YOU
STILL DON'T
GET IT, DO
YOU?

COME
TO GLOAT
ABOUT THAT
STUNT YOU
PULLED WITH
THE BOY?

WE CANNOT
STOP WAR,
WHICH LEAVES
US NO OTHER
CHOICE...



...THAN TO EMBRACE
IT--TO PLAY OUR ROLES.

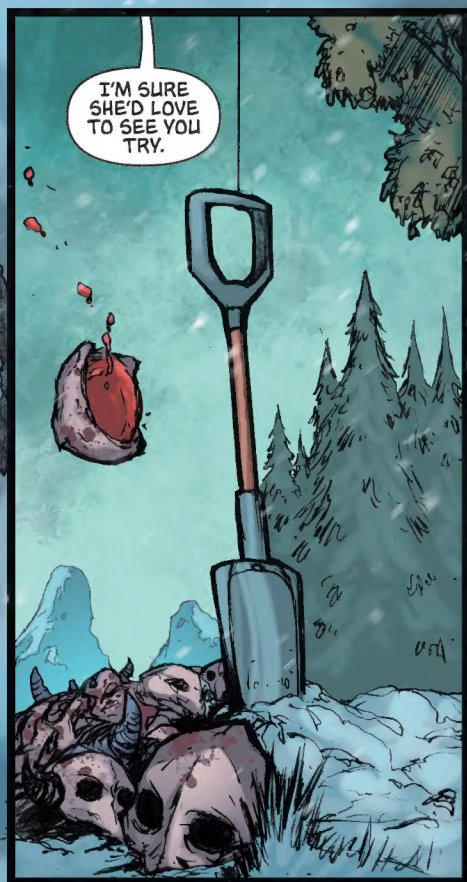
MY
DESTINY
IS SET, AND
IT'S WRITTEN ON
FAR GREATER
PARCHMENT
THAN A CAVE
WALL.

THEN
YOU KNOW
HOW IT ENDS
FOR YOU--FOR
ALL OF US.

I HAVE MY OWN
INTERPRETATION.

AND IN
MY VERSION,
MY REIGN BEGINS
THE MOMENT I PUT
YOUR PRECIOUS
DESCENDANT IN
THE GROUND.

I'M SURE
SHE'D LOVE
TO SEE YOU
TRY.



PIRATE WAS
NOT BUILT FOR
WAR, BUT WHEN
IT CAME TIME, HE
STILL STEPPED
UP TO PLAY HIS
PART.

HE WASN'T
EXACTLY A HERO,
AND I REFUSE TO
REMEMBER HIM
AS A VICTIM.

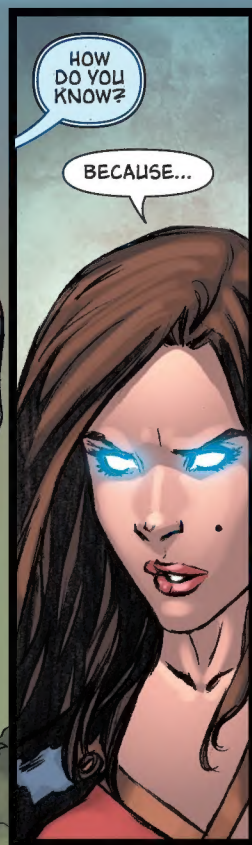
HOW
DO YOU
KNOW?

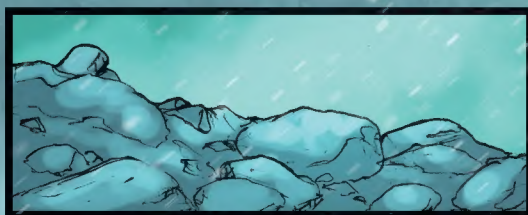
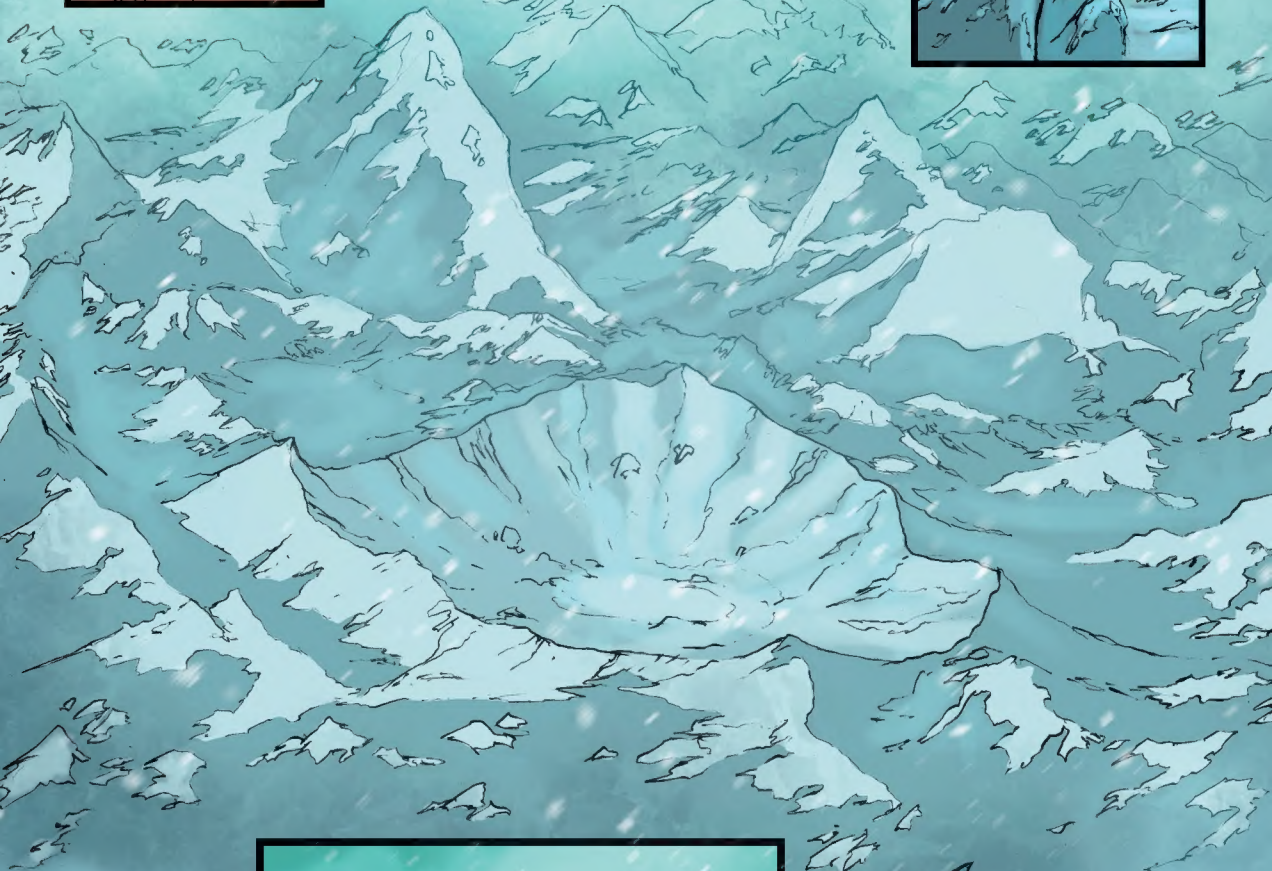
BECAUSE...

FOR ME,
THE ONLY ROLE
PIRATE PLAYED IS
THE ONE SO FEW
FIND IN THE MIDST
OF WAR...THAT
OF A FRIEND.

AND I
CAN AT LEAST
TAKE A LITTLE
COMFORT KNOWING
THAT FOR HIM,
THE WAR IS
NOW OVER.

OURS, ON
THE OTHER
HAND, IS JUST
BEGINNING.





THE END!